

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Royal Triumph

THE Queen is back in London safe and well after a six-month visit to her widely scattered realm. The 60,000-mile tour was quite the longest ever made by any reigning monarch. It is said the tour was made to show the Crown—or to be more correct, the newly crowned Sovereign—to the peoples of the Commonwealth. This is the Queen's due to her people. The gesture was magnificent in view of the physical strain it was bound to impose on the Royal Party. The thoroughness with which the tour was planned even down to the small but very important detail to include the Queen's Coronation dress and many of her splendid Coronation gifts of jewellery in her luggage, served to make this tour one of the outstanding successes of the century for the Commonwealth. For it marked an historic point in the evolution of the British monarchy. The Queen was greeted not as the visiting Queen of England but as the Queen of every dominion and colony she visited. More than anything else, she demonstrated—as anyone who has seen her and met her knows—that she is the same warm friendly and intensely human person whether she is attending race meetings at Ascot or listening to the tribal secrets of an aboriginal tribe in the wilds of Australia, or even sitting cross-legged on mats at the Royal dinner table of Queen Salote eating yams, turtles and roast sucking pigs.

THERE is an affinity between British people all over the world in that they feel a need for beauty, splendour and tradition in a standardised and increasingly mechanical world. The Queen is no longer a symbol of luxury and privilege even though she maintains a traditional splendour—and this has brought her nearer the common man's heart. Wherever she is seen the Queen is expected always at her best. There is no 40-hour or even 48-hour week for her. If the statisticians could assess the Queen's "working week" during the last six months they would probably discover that she submitted herself for at least 60 hours a week to the exacting and difficult task to which she was appointed for 25 years before ascending the throne. Yet from the day she landed on the grey sunlit speck of Bermuda in November to the day she left the bastion rock of Gibraltar the tour was a complete triumph. But it is a tour which probably never can be repeated. The strain during the last six months must have been intense and the innermost feelings of the Queen at the moment must be of profound relief that the undertaking is at last over. In the future it will be necessary for each member of the Royal Family to carry out his or her part by sharing the new obligations of the Queen to visit the distant lands of the Commonwealth, for each member of the Royal Family is an integral part of the monarchical system, each is a prominent and much-loved representative of the Crown. For the Queen, the "tours", as such, should be confined to far less formal visits to her dominions overseas. It is even suggested by an Australian Cabinet Minister, Sir Eric Harrison that the Queen may buy a house in Australia. Future visits to Commonwealth by air could take the place of some of the longer holidays spent at Balmoral but with the accent on informality and with only brief public appearances. In this way the Queen will establish more securely the fact that the crown is a corporate entity belonging to each and every member of the vast family of the British Commonwealth.

TRADE WITH CHINA: NEW U.S. DECLARATION



MR HAROLD STASSEN

Riots Death Roll, 206

Dacca, East Pakistan, May 17.

The official death toll rose to 206 last night in the Labour Day riots in East Bengal during the week-end.

Police stated 206 bodies had been recovered and they were still searching ponds and river banks for others feared killed. They have arrested 71 people. An emergency session of the Pakistan Cabinet last night decided to post troops in East Bengal industrial undertakings because of the riots, it was authoritatively reported here.

East Bengal industrialists are understood to have appealed to the Prime Minister, Mr. Mohammed Ali, for protection after the riots at the world's biggest jute mill here.

INVESTIGATION
As a result of today's Government decision two ministers are leaving Karachi for Dacca tonight to make an investigation. They are the Minister of Labour, Dr. Abdul Malik, and the Minister of State for Defence, Sadr Amir Azam Khan.

The Dacca district magistrate has prohibited any assembly of more than five people and the holding of meetings without prior permission. Military patrols roam the streets.

A curfew from 10.30 at night until six in the morning has been imposed on the area around the Adamjee Jute Mills, where the riots occurred, and armed troops are patrolling the area.

An East Bengal Government communiqué said the riots resulted from a quarrel between two workmen on Friday night in which one was killed.—Reuter.

INDIA OFFERS HER SERVICES

Washington, May 16.

Mr. Gaganvihar L. Mehta, Indian Ambassador to the United States, said today that his country was willing to offer its services as the neutral policing power in the event that an armistice between India and China is reached.

Mr. Mehta made the statement in an interview on a television network. He reiterated the desire of the Indian Prime Minister, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, for a truce in Indo-China.

During the truce talks in Korea, Indian troops patrolled a neutralised zone between the two sides and supervised the exchange of prisoners of war.—Reuter.

Reporter Beaten Up

Rio de Janeiro, May 16.

The Brazilian Professional Newspaper Association will hold a mass meeting tomorrow to consider what action it will take following alleged police brutality involving a veteran reporter.

The meeting stems from a beating received by a police reporter of the afternoon newspaper A. Nota, in a police station during the pre-dawn hours last Wednesday.

The reporter, Nestor Moreira, who has been critical of police handling of the mysterious strangling of a Copacabana cabaret girl, Renee Abad, was delivered to hospital suffering internal haemorrhage, broken ribs and other injuries. He is still in a critical condition.

The police chief, Armando Moraes Abreu, already has transferred the Second Precinct commander and suspended one policeman pending further investigation.—United Press.

No Coercion Of Allies To Change Policies

'SHIFTS IN EMPHASIS'

BY AMERICA

Washington, May 16.

America will not attempt to coerce her allies into conforming with her policy of banning all trade with China, according to a report submitted to Congress today by Mr. Harold E. Stassen, Director of the Foreign Operations Administration.

The report, a half-yearly review of the workings of the Battle Act—the Mutual Defence Assistance Control Act which deals with exports of strategic goods—speaks of "shifts in emphasis" in United States economic policy towards the Soviet bloc in Europe.

But American policy throughout the six months under review was to continue its total embargo on all exports, strategic and non-strategic, to China and North Korea.

"Rumours heard from time to time in various countries to the effect that the United States had decided to relax its embargo or was under irresistible pressure to do so, and that American cars were reaching the Chinese mainland by way of Japan, were completely untrue," the report said.

"Other governments had agreed to maintain the ban on strategic goods to China, and such relaxations as took place in controls were changes that did not affect the multilateral embargo."

But the report said: "Though the policies of other major free governments regarding trade with Communist China have not been identical with our own, the United States has not attempted—and will not attempt—to bring about conformity through coercion."

Not since 1948 had there been such a "flurry of new trade agreements" between Russia and non-Communist countries as last year.

The result was that in the early part of this year "the USSR had trade agreements with more free world countries than at any other time in the post-war period."

"This fact and the hefty sums of trade which were called for in some of the agreements have given many people the impression that a historic increase in the size of East-West trade was taking place. The impression seems hardly justified."

The agreements usually merely authorised, but did not guarantee, the exchange of goods. And there was no evidence of a reversal of "the long slide" of the East-West trade of the East European countries.

The report condemned as inadequate two "extreme policies"—complete embargo on trade with the Soviet bloc and unrestricted commercial relations.

"The free world with its enormous production, can benefit from the test to what goods are traded and on what terms," it said.

FAIR STRONGER
"The free nations are stronger economically than they have ever been. Collectively they are far stronger than the Soviet bloc."

"They possess tremendous resources. On the whole, they have solid and healthy competitive systems. Their business-

men have behind them centuries of experience in bargaining, merchandising and servicing. "These factors creating for the free world a currently strong trading position, the free world nations should be able to take advantage of the needs of the Soviet bloc and by hard bargaining gain benefits from East-West trade."

The report said that in view of Communist objectives and methods, unrestricted trade "would permit the bloc to increase its war potential—and specifically the all-important economic base of its war potential—faster than it otherwise could."

On the "shifts in emphasis" in American policy, the report said: "It was determined that the system of controls that had been developed during the last four years substantially satisfied the objectives of retarding the building of Soviet war-making power and strengthening the free world relative to the Soviet bloc."

It had been decided to simplify the control lists and not to extend them, except for items which might be added occasionally because of changed conditions or new information. Items no longer deemed important would be removed or downgraded. "The Government believed that much could be done in the months to come, if done carefully and with due regard for security, to adjust the controls to a long haul basis."

"In setting the new directions, the Government recognized: "1. That maintaining commercial ties between the free world and the Soviet bloc—compatible with the security requirements of the free world—may have positive advantages during the present period of tension; "2. That there are, however, risks that trade may in some cases lead to undue reliance on the Soviet bloc as a trading partner; "3. That it is important to encourage trade within the free world, including the entry of commodities into the United States, by reducing trade barriers, especially when the effect of such action would be to decrease the reliance of the free world on the Soviet bloc."

The report said economic reliance on the Soviet bloc could increase the vulnerability of certain areas to Soviet pressure. In the six months under review, Western trade with China fell far below the first half of the year, and shipments fell below even the extremely low level.—United Press.

TRAGIC MISTAKE

Nairobi, May 16.

A British officer leading an anti-Mau Mau operation was shot dead and two of his men injured when an army patrol mistook them for terrorists, it was officially announced today.

East Africa Command Headquarters withheld the name of the officer, a subaltern attached to the 30th Corps Royal Engineers, until his family are informed.

The accident occurred on the fringe of a forest in the Aberdare Mountains, 15 miles north-west of Nyeri. An inquiry will be held.—Reuter.

Goldsmith Baby To Be Brought Up By Father

Paris, May 16.

The wealthy Patino and Goldsmith families have agreed that Jimmy Goldsmith will bring up the baby daughter delivered by a Caesarean operation on his wife's deathbed.

Jimmy's father, Mr. Frank Goldsmith, who is a director of the Savoy Hotel in London and owns hotels in Paris and Cannes, said today that "all the necessary arrangements have been reached with the Patinos."

"After all my son is the child's father," he added. There had been speculation that Senator Antonio Patino, millionaire Bolivian tin magnate who violently opposed the marriage of daughter Isabella to Jimmy Goldsmith, would seek custody of the child.

Relations between the Goldsmiths and Senator Patino, who chased Jimmy and Isabella to Scotland when they eloped four months ago, were frigid until the families were drawn together by Isabella's death from brain haemorrhage this week-end.

HAS GOOD CHANCE
Jimmy went to the American hospital here today to see his 4th daughter in her incubator. Senator Patino had been to the hospital an hour earlier.

"There is a good chance that the child will live," Jimmy said. "It is not yet certain but there is a good chance. Of course I will look after her."

Baby Isabella, now two days old, was transferred to the hospital from the private clinic where her mother died on Friday night despite a desperate struggle to save her life by Professor Jean Guillaume, one of France's leading specialists.

A hospital spokesman said the baby's condition was "satisfactory."

Meanwhile the body of her beautiful 18-year-old mother, whom the world's press christened "the runaway heiress" after her elopement, has been embalmed and taken to the Patino home.

Mr. Frank Goldsmith said he did not believe this indicated that her father intended taking the body home to Bolivia for burial.

He said a funeral service would be held on Tuesday in a church near the Bois de Boulogne, the parkland district in the west end of Paris. All the details had not been completed yet, he said.—China Mail Special.

BOY RESCUED FROM TRUNK

Fakenham, Norfolk, May 16.

A United States Air Force Corporal today rescued a boy who had locked himself inside an aircraft trunk.

Corporal James Milbert, 22, of the United States Air Force, Sculthorpe, Norfolk, smashed the trunk open with an axe to release a crying and frightened Michael Verdale, 11.

The boy's father is Wing Commander R.W. Verdale, holder of the Distinguished Flying Cross and Bar and the French Croix de Guerre. Formerly of the Australian Air Force he returns shortly to Melbourne, Australia.

At present he is a hotel manager at Fakenham—China Mail Special.

French Column Forced Back By Rebels DELTA THREATENED

Hanoi, May 16.

The French High Command announced tonight that "strong Vietminh pressure" forced a 3,000-man French column back deep into Laos in a thrust officials fear may signal a Communist bid to seize control over the northern part of the kingdom.

Simultaneously, 15 Vietminh battalions have been deployed in what looked like the prelude to a Communist offensive on Phuly, 35 miles south of Hanoi guarding the Red River delta.

Meanwhile, the withdrawal of the French column appeared to dash hopes that some Dien Bien Phu survivors might struggle out, according to French officials.

A French High Command spokesman said the De Croisecourt forces were digging in at the fortified village astride the Nam Bac River valley through which the Vietminh rolled last winter almost to the gates of Luang Prabang.

Assault squads, repeating the siege tactics that finally swamped the heroic garrison of Dien Bien Phu, wheeled their heavy artillery, heavy mortars and recoilless guns into firing positions around Phuly, as top French and Vietnamese military leaders met in a secret session to plan, urgent defence of the Delta rice bowl.

French planes, braved monsoon downpours and strong winds to pound Vietminh forces around Phuly, while US-built B-26 bombers raked the surrounding limestone hills around Phuly and tank-tipped French Union columns stabbed out from the threatened town, but the Vietminh refused battle, a Command spokesman said.

BEAT BACK ASSAULT
Meanwhile, the garrison of "little Dien Bien Phu", the besieged outpost of Anxa in the Thai Binh sector 82 miles southeast of Hanoi, beat back the eighth massive Vietminh attack in as many days, the spokesman said.

The heavily outnumbered garrison of about 100 French and native troops radioed anxiously last night that none of the mass of 500-lb. bombs dropped around the besieged post by a wing of 15 Navy Hell-divers had exploded.

The pilots calmly told the garrison commander not to worry. They were delayed action bombs which went off over 10 seconds when night fell. The Vietminh waves fled from the battle position after the eighth unsuccessful assault.—United Press.

EMERGENCY PLANS
Top French generals took off today for Indo-China with emergency plans to save the Red River delta from the Communists after the fall of Dien Bien Phu.

The high-ranking military mission which took off tonight carried a short-range plan to cope with the emergency in the delta where even now the Vietminh is closing in on vital Phuly.

Gen. Paul Ely, Armed Forces Chief of Staff, headed the mission. He was accompanied by Gen. Raoul Saban, former Supreme Commander in Indo-China, accompanied by Gen. Pierre Pelissier, deputy Air Force Chief of Staff.

They took off from Orly Field at 5.25 p.m. GMT aboard an Air France plane.

President Rene Coty, who is constitutional head of the armed forces, cancelled a weekend at the presidential chateau at Rambouillet to study the defence committee's plans.

The committee is drafting a series of long-range plans to be put into operation if the Geneva conference failed to establish peace in Indo-China.

The plans hinge on the answers the United States gives to recent French questions about eventual Allied intervention in the conflict if Geneva fails.

Preparatory talks between France and the US were expected to start early this week.

The basic feature of the emergency measures carried by Gen. Ely is reported to be concentration of the expeditionary Corps forces around a restricted number of vital areas, especially the Red River delta, and reinforcement of the French Union Army by a small number of troops.

Additional shipments of troops and equipment will involve additional expenses which are not covered by the current budget, however, and require National Assembly approval.

It was expected to assail the government again when the emergency legislation comes up. And fresh attacks against Premier Joseph Laniel's Indo-China policy were predicted by experts for Tuesday, when the Deputies approve the weekly agenda. Government adversaries will not fail to press for a full-fledged Indo-China debate, which has been postponed twice in the past 10 days in a confidence vote, observers said.—United Press.

DIEN BIEN PHU WOUNDED
Hanoi, May 16.

The French High Command said today that it was suspending evacuation by helicopter of seriously wounded French Union troops from fallen Dien Bien Phu pending the outcome of new talks with the Communist Vietminh.

A two-man military mission flew to Dien Bien Phu today to confer with the Communist rebels on measures to speed up the evacuation of the wounded. In the past several days, of evacuating wounded troops from the overrun fortress, only 11 men have been flown from Dien Bien Phu to the Laotian capital of Luang Prabang and then to Hanoi.

The French feel that evacuation at this rate of the 1,000 French and native troops, whom the Reds have agreed may be taken out of the defeated bastion, will take too long. The new talks are aimed at persuading (Contd. on back page, Col. 3)

Luis Taruc, Huk Leader, Surrenders

IN PROTECTIVE CUSTODY

Manila, May 17.

The Huk Communist leader, Luis Taruc, surrendered to the government authorities today and immediately was drawn behind a cloak of protective secrecy at Army Headquarters in Camp Murphy.

A source at Camp Murphy confirmed that Taruc, longtime figurehead of the dissident movement in the Philippines, entered government hands at 8.30 this morning.

He was alone. None of his elite bodyguard or followers surrendered with him, it was learned.

The source said Taruc met the Government contact man at San Simon, Pangasinan Province, about 23 miles southeast of Clark Field and north of Manila. His surrender under government terms had been expected for "three or four days," the source said.

Taruc, looking "surprisingly healthy", was dressed in khaki trousers, a long-sleeved coloured shirt and rubber shoes.

The contact man was believed to be Benigno Aquino, young Korea War correspondent and columnist for the Manila Times, who earlier this year had two secret interviews in the mountains with Taruc.

At one of the interviews the President's complaint and offer chief, Manuel Manahan, offered the Huk chieftain the government terms for surrender, which Taruc turned down.

Taruc said this morning, according to the informant, that "the government's programme is similar to mine", intimating that he had been inclined to surrender because President Maguiness's government was taking steps which Taruc had been fighting for.—United Press.

Politicians To Duel

Montevideo, May 16.

Former President Luis Barros, leader of a faction of the majority Colorado Party, was challenged to a duel today by the Nationalist leader, Dr. Luis Alberto de Herrera.

The challenge followed an article published by Senator Barros' newspaper, "Acción", under the title "Disloyalty and Pure Gangsterism." Dr. Herrera appointed Ramon Vina and Luis Page as his seconds, and Senator Barros appointed Armando Males and Washington Fernandez.

The article charged Dr. Herrera with failing to observe an agreement between the two Parties regarding the appointment of Justices for the Supreme Court of Uruguay.—United Press.

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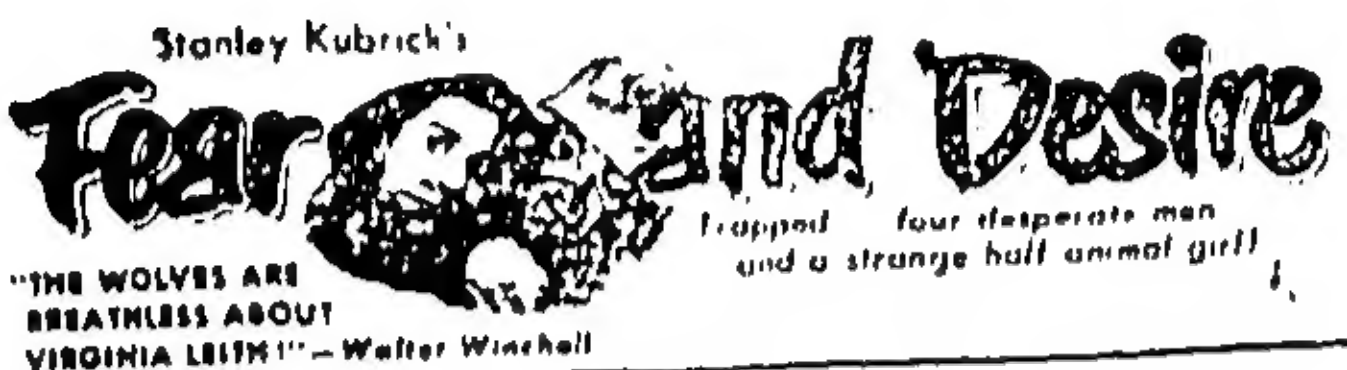
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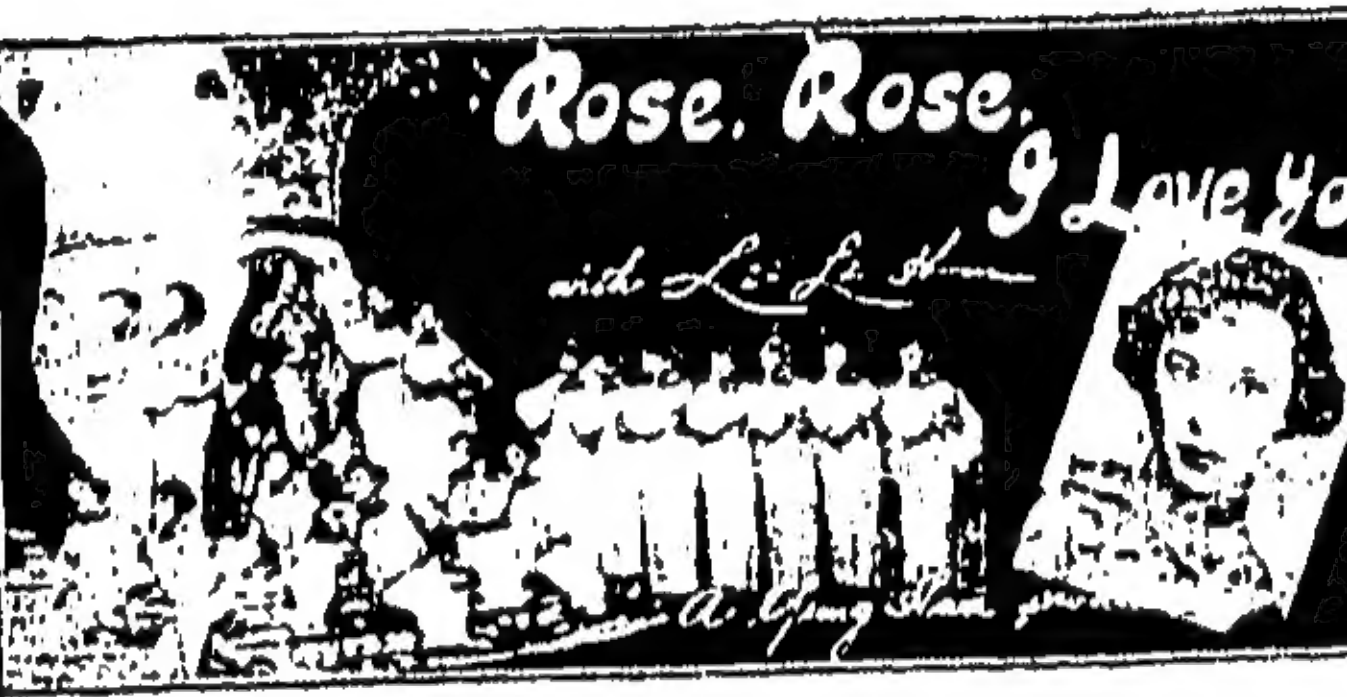
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SOVIET ESPIONAGE INQUIRY STARTS TODAY

Kennington Kids See The Mannequins



To the unglamorous London district of Kennington recently came some of the atmosphere of a London fashion show. Professional mannequins visited the Christchurch United Club, a youth centre in Harleyford Street, to put on a fashion show. The boys are taking just as keen an interest as the girls in the Italian print summer dress modelled by Paula de Lacy Baron.—Reuterphoto.

Crowds Won't Leave Buckingham Palace

They Still Wanted The Queen Even In The Rain!

London, May 17.

Queen Elizabeth's first full day in England after her Commonwealth tour drew to a close last night with big crowds still surging round Buckingham Palace.

About 10,000 people stood there in spite of a slight drizzle and the cry of "We want the Queen" went up from the crowd which pressed against the Palace walls.

The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret drove into the Palace in a black saloon car just after 8.30 p.m.

Crowds ran forward towards the entrance gates and formed an avenue of wildly cheering and waving people as the car drove in.

Then the cries of "We want the Queen" redoubled.

As the Palace floodlighting came on at 9.15 p.m. there was a great gasp from the crowd. More people crowded the railings for a close view of the illuminated Palace with the Royal Standard floating stiffly in the strong breeze.

There were enthusiastic crowds outside the Palace all day. The Queen herself spent a quiet Sunday with her family.—Reuter.

"VITAL MEANING"
Melbourne May 17.
The Sun News Pictorial, a Melbourne morning newspaper,

said today "the presence of the Queen in the lands over which she rules has given a vital personal meaning to the concept of a Commonwealth of nations."

Commenting on Queen Elizabeth's triumphant return from her Commonwealth tour, the newspaper said personal contact with their sovereign had "strikingly revived the unity of the diverse races and people who know her as their monarch."

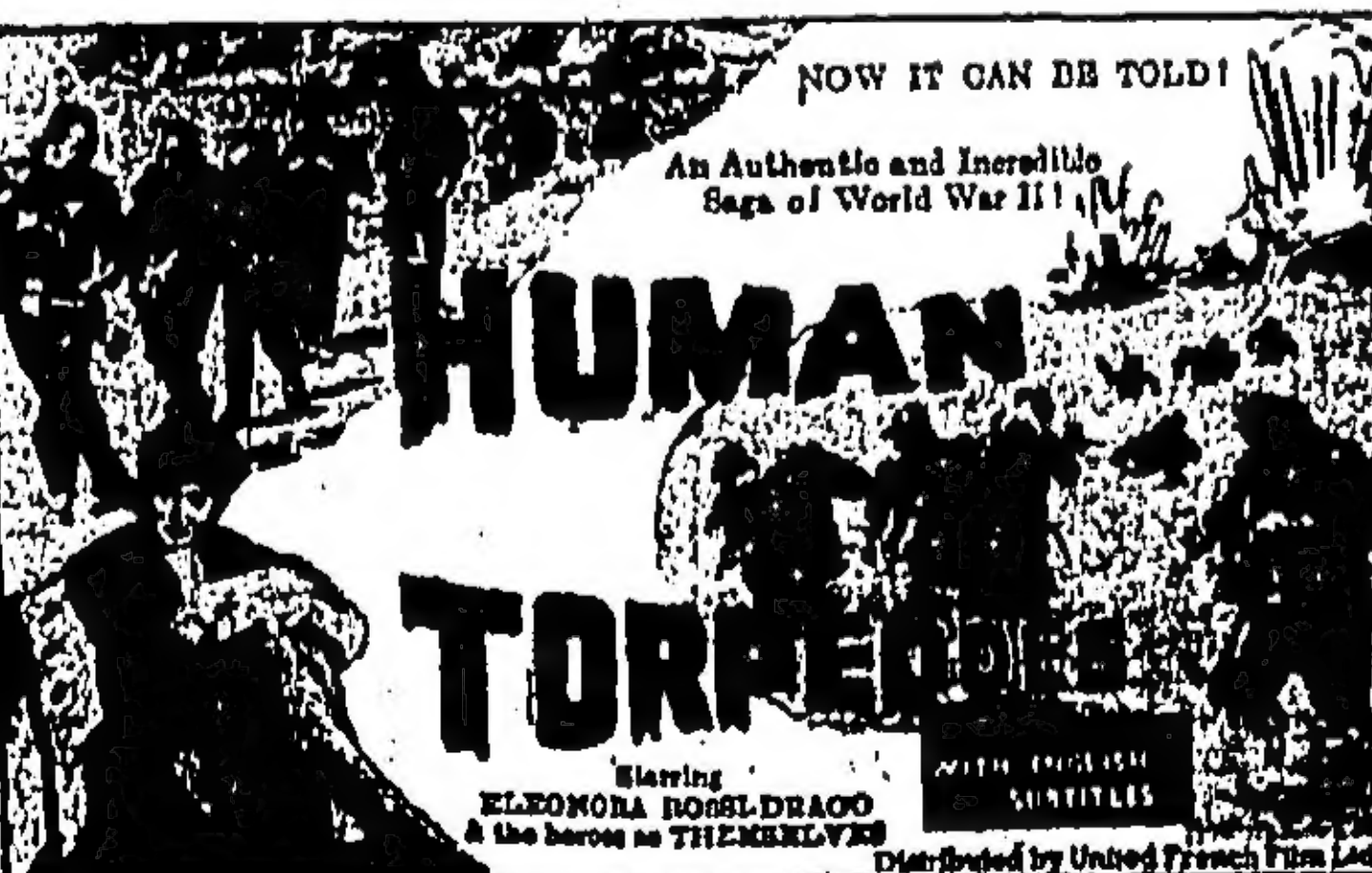
The Argus, another Melbourne newspaper, wrote: "At best the tour was a wearying if heartening journey for her majesty; at worst it was a severe test of her qualities as a woman and a monarch."

"It would be strange if the spirit she showed had not done much to strengthen the British Commonwealth at a time when historical and geographical influences might tend to disunite it."—China Mail Special.

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Royal Commission To Examine Petrov Documents

Canberra, May 16.

The Royal Commission investigating Soviet espionage in Australia holds its first public hearing tomorrow.

It will be held in a local dance hall which has been converted into a courtroom.

The Commission is checking and probing an alleged Communist spy ring in Australia which was disclosed by the former Third Secretary of the Soviet Embassy, Vladimir Petrov. The Russian asked asylum in Australia in April and produced documents indicating the extent of Soviet espionage. These form the basis of the Royal Commission's investigation.

The first public session will be held in the ballroom of the Albert Hall only a short distance from Parliament House. The hearings are expected to last about three days.

The Commonwealth's chief counsel, Mr. William John Windever, is expected to outline the State's case during the first two days and then may call security officers as witnesses to Petrov's actions and a security agent when he fled the Russian Embassy.

Great public interest has been aroused in the investigation and 60 Australian and foreign newspaper correspondents will attend the public hearings.

There also will be a number of international observers, including Mr. Maurice Morris, President of the United States Bar Association.

CHAUFEUR REMOVED
Three Justices of the Australian Supreme Court make up the Commission. Mr. Justice William Owen, 55, is chairman.

The other members are Mr. Justice Roslyn Philip, 58, of Brisbane and Justice George Ligertwood, 60, of Adelaide.

Meanwhile, it was announced that security officers have removed the man who was to have been chauffeur for the Commissioners. He is Alan McDonnell, who has been transferred from his post as Ministerial car driver to driver of a public omnibus in the government transport service.

The transfer was made on the grounds that he was a possible security risk, the authorities said.

Mr. McDonnell said he was not given any reason for the demotion and assumed it was an "industrial matter".

"I strongly deny any suggestion that I am a Communist," he said.—United Press.

Usurpation Charge Against Shishaki

Beirut, May 16.

Beirut Radio reported that the Syrian Ministry of Defence today filed charges of usurpation of authority against Colonel Adib Shishaki, exiled former President of Syria.

The broadcast said Col. Shishaki, who fled to Saudi Arabia after he was deposed earlier this year, would be tried before a Military Court headed by the Civil Criminal Court President, Zuhdi al Imam. The Syrian Defence Minister, Maruf al Dawallhi, said the trial would take place in public as soon as preliminary investigations were completed, Beirut Radio said.—United Press.

43 Refugees Arrive From Hongkong

Geneva, May 16.

Forty-three European refugees, mainly white Russians from Communist China, flew into Geneva today from Hongkong to begin new lives in 10 Western countries.

Their flight resulted from the combined efforts for their resettlement on the part of the inter-governmental committees for European migration, the office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees and several voluntary agencies.

Fifty-six more refugees are due to arrive in another special aircraft from Hongkong tomorrow.

The Russian refugees had been living in China since the Bolshevik revolution in 1917. The other refugees included Jewish victims of the Nazi persecution.

Since the establishment of the Chinese People's Republic most of them had been in camps at Shanghai.

Altogether about 15,000 refugees of European origin, still in China, hope for international aid, refugee officials said.

Between February 1952, and March 1954, 5,079 were resettled.—Reuter.

Mines Washed Up At Wake

Washington, May 16.

Heavy seas have washed World War II bombs and mines on to Wake Island beaches during the past several weeks, the Commerce Department reported today.

The department said that islanders have been warned not to approach any of the hostile-appearing explosives as they wash ashore for fear they might still be alive.

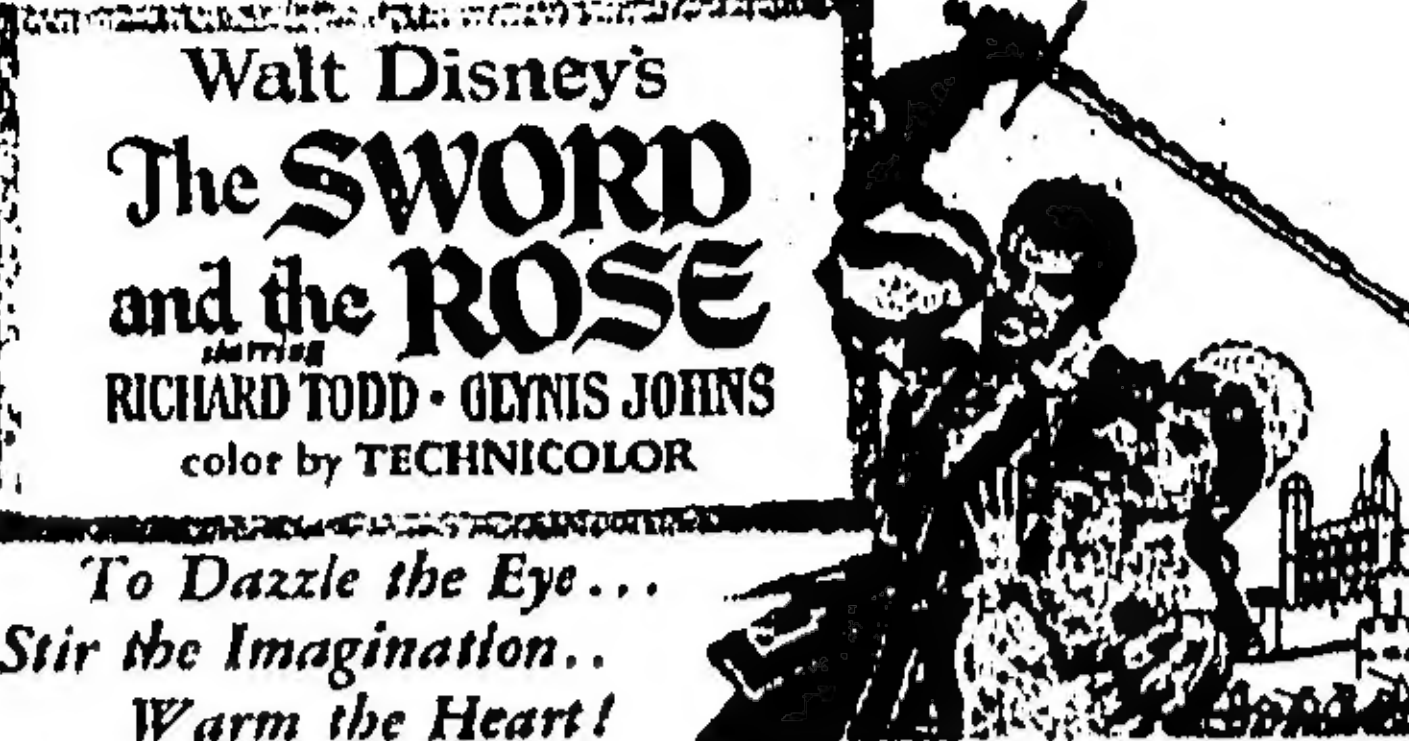
The bombs and mines are believed to have come from sunken Japanese landing craft which have rusted through and released their cargoes of shells.—United Press.

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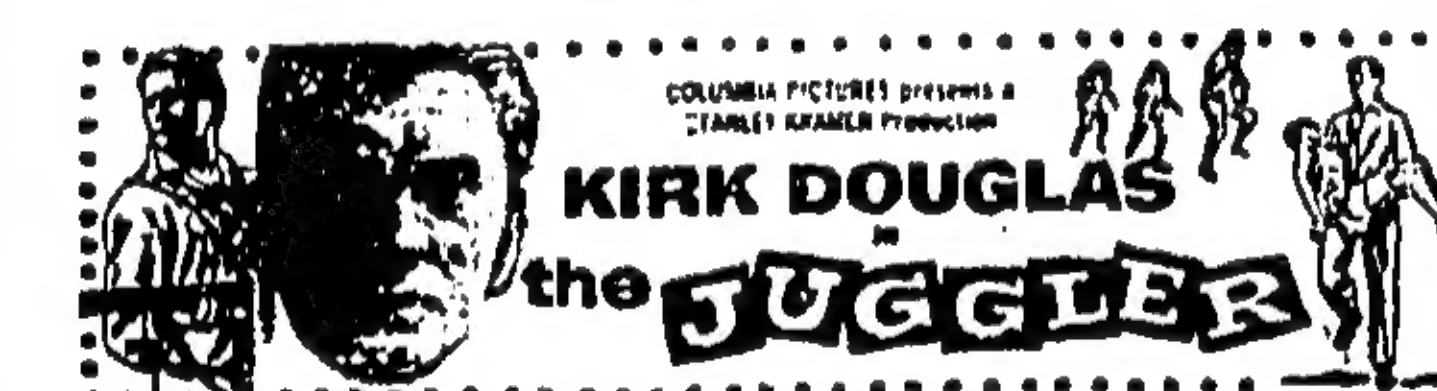
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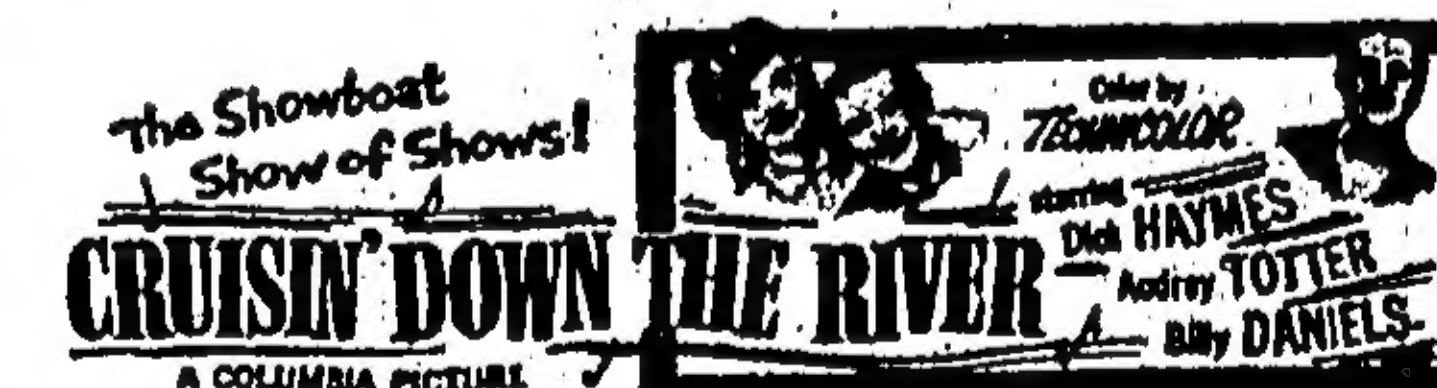
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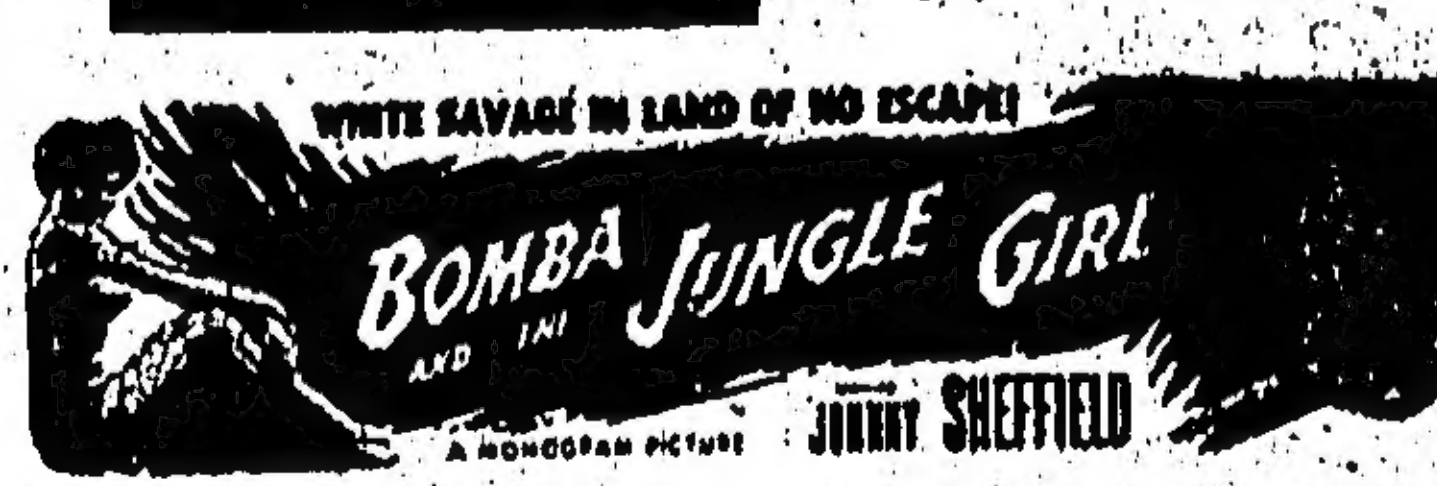


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Paris, May 16. Robert Friholt, a 30-year-old Parisian, today won the annual waltzer race along the Grand Boulevards here. Competitors each carried a bottle and two glasses on a tray and had to finish without spilling either to qualify. Wearing white coat and black trousers the waltzers were cheered and impeded by a large crowd of Sunday strollers as they walked the 4 1/2 kilometres (more than 2 1/2 miles) from the Bastille Square to the Madeleine Church. —China Mail Special.

Was Czech Minister Kidnapped?

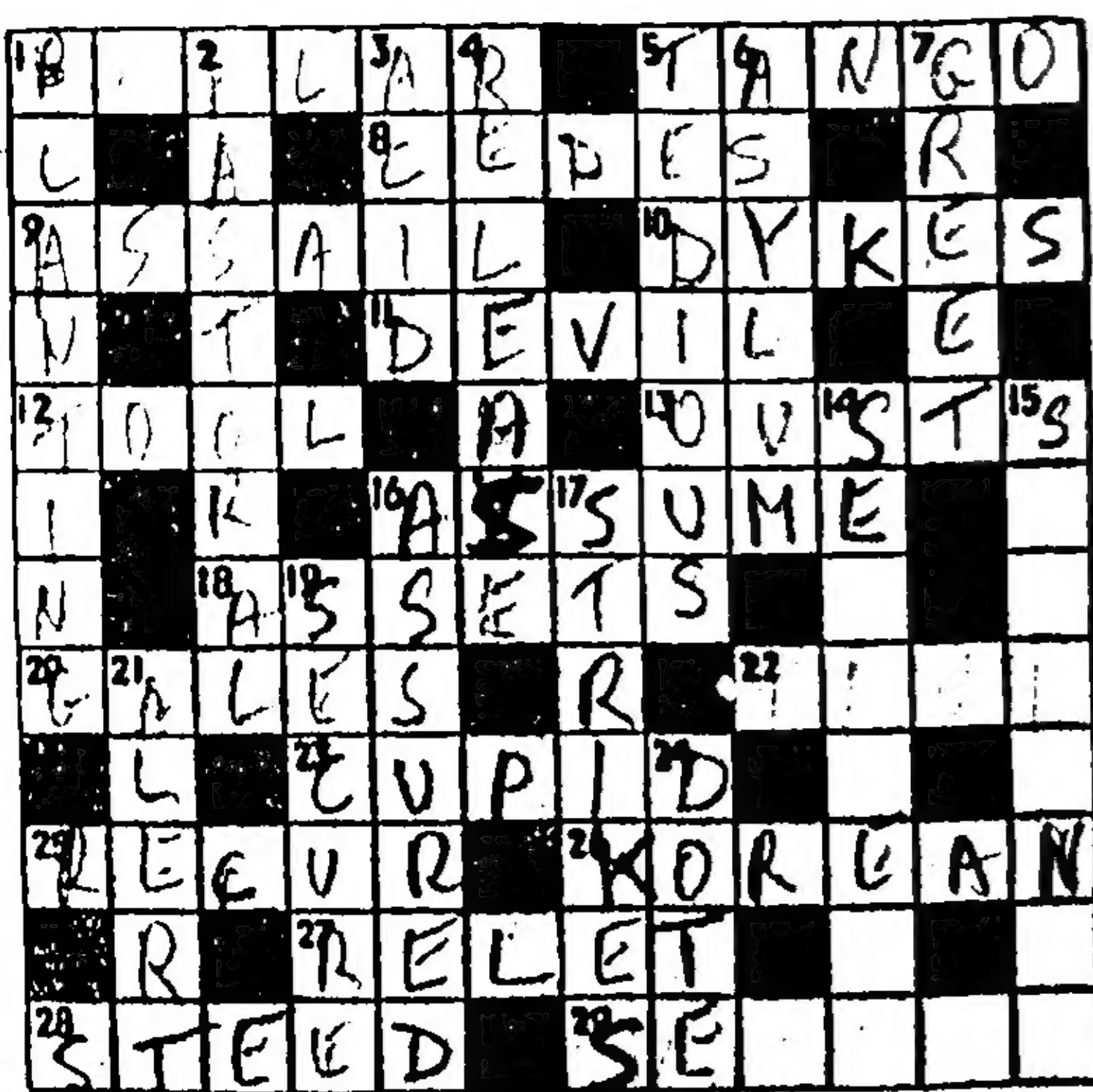
Washington, May 16. American intelligence agents believe that Bohumil Lasman, former deputy premier of Czechoslovakia who turned up in Prague yesterday after a six-month disappearance, was kidnapped from the Prague home in the United States Zone of Austria.

Officials said that U.S. government agencies had been alerted in January, a point of view which Lasman, ever since he fled his Communist-run homeland. They recalled that he spent some time in Yugoslavia in association with some officials of the Tito Government before returning to Austria last year. Lasman was not publicly associated with any Czech exile or anti-Communist organizations, they said.

One of the reasons for the interest in Lasman is that he is believed to have been a member of the Czechoslovak Government in the Prague exile. He is also believed to have been a member of the Czechoslovak Government in the Prague exile. He is also believed to have been a member of the Czechoslovak Government in the Prague exile.

Austrian "swarming" with agents, it was said. Lasman is known to have left his Austrian home abruptly and was thought of as planning to go home voluntarily.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Tree (6).
 - Dance (5).
 - Gives up (5).
 - Attack (6).
 - Dishes (6).
 - Evil spirit (5).
 - Implement (4).
 - Eels (5).
 - Take for granted (6).
 - Property (5).
 - Violent windstorms (5).
 - Walk lamely (4).
 - God of love (5).
 - Happen again (5).
 - Asiatic (6).
 - Leased mow (5).
 - Mount (5).
 - Pay up (6).
- DOWN**
- Putting into the ground (6).
 - Ruile (8).
 - Bitter (4).
 - Liberate (7).
 - Wearisome (7).
 - Refuge (6).
 - Welcome (5).
 - Uncertainty (8).
 - Gave confidence (7).
 - Slope working (7).
 - Safe (6).
 - Watchful (5).
 - Love to excess (4).

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 Lash, 7 Ready, 8 Exit, 9 Rude, 10 Various, 12 Dirt, 15 Rise, 18 Pale, 19 Adapt, 21 Exit, 22 Stern, 23 Dope, 26 Fast, 29 Mediate, 30 Aged, 31 Beat, 32 Glo, 33 Take Down, 1 Relax, 2 Admiral, 4 Amuse, 5 Block, 6 Lin, 9 Ruse, 11 Oiled, 13 Item, 14 Tota, 16 Bated, 17 Sort, 18 Pipe, 20 Desists, 22 Sped, 24 Omnes, 25 Bull, 27 Ance, 28 Test.

Senators Pledge Backing By America And Allies

Washington, May 16.

Senators William Knowland (Republican, California) and Mike Mansfield (Democrat, Montana) called on the nations of Southeast Asia today to form a mutual security pact backed by the United States and her Allies to prevent the Communists from expanding in the Far East country by country.

Both Senators stressed that such a coalition must be formed by the Asian nations themselves rather than by joining an organization dominated by the United States, Britain, France, New Zealand and Australia.

"If we don't bring those people primarily concerned into this picture," Senator Mansfield said, "then I think the outlook is pretty hopeless."

In discussing the Far East with Senator Knowland on a radio programme, Senator Mansfield proposed that the security pact be supported by a "sort of Monroe doctrine" to be voiced by a leader like the Prime Minister of India, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru.

Behind this "Asiatic South-east Asia pact," he suggested, would be the might of the United States and other interested nations.

Senator Knowland, the Senate Republican leader, said that he disagreed with Senator Mansfield that the pact be held until India "might come into the picture."

Senator Knowland said the pact must be taken quickly because "if we sit idly by and permit the Chinese Communists to overrun the balance of Southeast Asia they are ultimately going to take over Japan, Formosa, the Philippines, Indonesia, India and Pakistan."

COULD NOT MATCH

Senator Mansfield said he opposed the United States sending military forces to India-China because the Communists pressed, could call on the Chinese Communists and Soviet Russia for manpower, which this country could not match. Sen. or Knowland said that he favoured intervention by the United States.

India Unwilling

Simultaneously, the Indian Ambassador to Washington, Mr. J. L. Mehta, said India would not be willing to join a South-east Asian security alliance as proposed by the Secretary of State John Foster Dulles to prevent new Communist aggression.

But Mr. Mehta said India would be willing to provide troops to police any India-China truce just as it did in Korea. Appearing on Martin Agronsky's ABC television programme, the Indian envoy said, "We feel Communist imperialism constitutes no threat to India."

OTHER DEVELOPMENTS
Other weekend developments were:

Chairman Alexander Wiley of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said he did not expect India-China to fall, but hoped that Britain and other nations would join a Southeast Asia security alliance capable of standing any Red threat.

Senator Wiley said the fall of Indo-China would affect the Republic's political prospects but the "exact effects would depend on how the people would interpret" such a development and "what the alternatives of such action are or might have been."

In New York Senator Herbert Lehman (Democrat, New York) said today the United States could not gain support for the struggle against Communism if it gave "comfort or support" to colonial imperialism.

"We cannot ask the coloured peoples of Asia to support our leadership in world affairs if we in our immigration or other laws discriminate against coloured peoples of Asia," Senator Lehman said in a speech prepared for the 60th anniversary celebration of the Ukrainian National Association.

Senator Lehman also said: "The first prize in the world struggle is Europe."

"We can survive a setback in Asia," he declared, "but let the lights of freedom go back in Europe and all is lost." —Reuters & United Press.

Twins Succeed Twins

Mannheim, West Germany, May 16.

For more than a year identical twins, Robert and Edsel Campbell, confused their fellow workers at a United States Army motor pool here.

Then they returned home to Sarnoto, Florida—to be replaced by Louis and Anthony Lancaster, from Hammond, Louisiana, who are also identical twins. —China Mail Special.

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Big Welcome For The Queen



A welcome for the Queen as she leaves the palace of Monsignor Pace, Bishop of Gozo, during an hour's tour of Malta. —Central Press Photo.

Atomic Fertiliser (\$25,000 A Ton) To Be Tested In US

Washington, May 16.

Government scientists operating the nation's most unusual fertiliser plant expect to make one ton of atomic fertiliser this year at a cost of US\$25,000.

It will all be given away to agricultural research workers who have found this by-product of the atomic age useful in speeding studies of the way plants live and grow.

Strict safety precautions will be taken to ensure protection for workers against radioactive contamination. Workers will wear protective overalls and shoe covers to prevent them from accumulating "hot" dust on their clothes. Long rubber gloves will protect their hands and they will wear respirators to filter the air they breathe. A curved, clear plastic "windshield" mask will cover the face.

The "hot" material comes as a liquid, packed in a lead box. Individual shipments are small, since five pounds of the radioactive material is enough to produce an entire ton of mixed atomic fertiliser.

The radioactive phosphorus is made in the Atomic Energy Commission's atom pile at Oak Ridge, Tennessee, by bombardment of standard phosphorous compounds with neutrons. The AEC sells the "isotope" or radioactive phosphorous to the Agriculture Department for about US\$1,000 a pound. But this "low" price is possible only because isotope production is a sideline at the big AEC plant. If the atomic pile were turned on only for isotope production the cost would be astronomical, an official said.

Radioactive phosphorous received at the fertiliser plant is mixed with acids which are used to treat phosphate rock. When this process is complete the phosphorus is "baked" in an oven, tested for strength, and mixed with other plant food elements.

The complete atomic fertiliser is measured carefully into ordinary kitchen-size mason jars and capped with rubber washers. For shipment to agricultural experiment stations across the country it is sealed in a cardboard tube and placed in a fibreboard mailing carton. —United Press.

300,000 Buddhists Flock To Singapore Temples

Singapore, May 16.

An estimated 300,000 devout Buddhists flocked to Singapore temples today to observe colourful ceremonies commemorating the three greatest events in the life of Buddha.

Today was the anniversary of the birth 2577 years ago of Prince Siddhartha Gautama, the Lord Buddha, in Kapilavastu, India. It was also on this day of the Wesak (Full Moon) that Buddha attained supreme enlightenment under the Po Tai Tree at Buddha Gaya.

Singapore Buddhists dressed in new garments opened the day's celebration by hoisting Buddhist flags over the city's several hundred temples. The faithful entered shrines and observed the Eight Precepts (a form of communism) which was followed by a city-wide sounding of temple gongs as Buddhist priests chanted the Sutra. —United Press.

America Opens Propaganda Offensive Against Communism

Washington, May 16.

The United States Information Agency, which operates the "Voice of America" broadcasts, announced tonight a "world-wide propaganda offensive" to expose the "spurious intellectual and ideological appeals" of Communism.

The agency's director, Mr. Theodore Streibert, said he was following a directive from President Eisenhower and the National Security Council to unmask and counter "hostile attempts to distort or to frustrate the objectives and policies of the United States."

Special instructions had been sent to 217 posts overseas to press the fight on Communist ideas and philosophy and to show up their fallacies and inconsistencies, Mr. Streibert said. The agency was sending to 104 foreign libraries a special list of 54 books described as "representative of scholarly research and critical analysis in Communist doctrine, strategy and methods."

Mr. Streibert said: "Books offer the best means of reaching these influential thinkers with cogent facts and documented scholarly arguments."

The list of books by both American and non-American authors includes works by Max Beloff and David Dallin. Senator Joseph McCarthy, whose controversial investigation of the overseas library programme has led to charges of "book burning," has said he has no objection to the distribution of books which teach the nature of Communism. But Senator McCarthy has objected vigorously to the use of books written by Communists. He has served notice on Mr. Streibert that he expects continuing reports on the progress of the programme to his Senate investigating subcommittee.

BOOM IN THE HIMALAYAS Up Go The Sherpas' Wages As The Climbers Go North

New Delhi, May 17.

After last year's conquest of Mount Everest by Sir Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing, 1954 looks like being the busiest year ever for mountain climbing in the Himalayas.

Since early March, the beginning of the "new season", hardly a week has passed without the arrival of a new mountaineering expedition.

By early May there were at least 10 parties representing seven different countries "somewhere in the Himalayas." They come from Britain, Japan, the United States, New Zealand, Austria, Argentina and Italy.

The most ambitious attempt is that of a party of Americans who hope to climb a neighbouring peak to Everest, 27,700-foot Mount Makalu.

The most expensive expedition, according to local reports, will be that of the Japanese, who had as their first objective the unconquered Manaslu but have since changed to an attack on Ganesh Himal (24,200 feet).

The least expensive will be that of an Austrian party which is reported to be spending only 5,000 rupees on an attempt to climb three peaks in the Annapurna range.

Mountain climbing, according to an official of the Himalayan Club, has now become a major industry in Nepal, jumping of place for most of the expeditions and recruiting ground for coolies and sherpas.

1,000 COOLIES

He estimated that at present at least 1,000 coolies are engaged in hauling loads belonging to one or other of the expeditions. "These people who normally find it difficult to make a living, have never known it so good," he said.

Coolie rates have gone up to about four rupees (about six shillings sterling) a day and good sherpas can demand six or seven rupees a day.

The expeditions have also caused a slight food crisis in parts of Nepal. Areas which normally scarcely produce and stock enough food to last their own villagers through the winter are now finding it necessary to feed dozens of extra mouths.

Other problems have followed in the wake of the new onslaught on the Himalayas.

In the Indian Parliament questions have been asked as to whether members of expeditions have been "screened" sufficiently to make sure that what are ostensibly mountaineering expeditions are not in fact foreign intelligence groups.

Another unexpected problem was that met by the Japanese team, which had to abandon its earlier plans to climb Manaslu in the face of opposition by villagers who feared a recurrence of "bad crops and local sickness" which they superstitiously attributed to a previous unsuccessful bid to conquer the mountain.

Mountain climbing, it would seem, has become anyone's sport. Best known of those in the Himalayas at present is undoubtedly a bee keeper, Sir Edmund Hillary, who last year reached the top of Everest with Sherpa Tensing Norkay and who is leading a New Zealand expedition to the Barun glacier, Nepal.

His party includes two members of last year's Everest team, Dr Charles Evans and Mr George Lowe.

The leader of the Argentinian party attempting the 26,700-foot Dhaulagiri peak is Francisco Ibáñez, an officer of the Argentine mountain troops and consequently the nearest, among all the climbers to being a "professional" mountaineer.

In their climbing, experience will count more towards success. In this respect each team is well equipped.

The Japanese party includes eight men from the Japanese expedition which attempted an assault on Manaslu last year.

Little is known about an Italian team which flew through Delhi towards the end of April in a last minute rush to "catch the season." Led by 71-year-old Professor Gighione, the team had at that time not definitely decided which of three mountains it would attempt to conquer.

NEW INCENTIVE
Mountaineering enthusiasts and the New Delhi embassies of the countries concerned in the new rush to the Himalayas, are waiting for the first radioed signals of success or failure. They believe that if the weather is kind more than half of the expeditions should achieve their objectives.

Denis Volle, a member of the Communist Party, had called on M. Delors, President of the local Indo-China war veterans' group, and told him: "Those Dien Bien Phu fellows got what they deserved. General de Castries ought to be hanged."

After a scuffle, in which both parties suffered bruises, they each went to the local police station separately to make complaints for assault and battery.

In Paris, Indo-China war veterans attacked several newspaper vendors selling the Sunday edition of the Communist newspaper, L'Humanité today.

The vendors were manhandled and their newspapers destroyed.

At Arras, the French Communist Party suffered another defeat when Socialist candidate P. Delabre was elected deputy on the second ballot of the Pas de Calais parliamentary by-elections today.

M. Delabre succeeds Communist deputy Rene Camphin, who died a few months ago.

M. Delabre polled 174,877 out of the total 322,714 votes, while the Communist candidate, M. Coquel, obtained 134,498 votes.

This is the second time in a few weeks that a Communist candidate has been beaten in a by-election.

At Marseilles, the Socialist Party Federation of the Bouches-du-Rhône, department of Southern France, meeting prior to the national congress of the party scheduled for May 29, endorsed the European Defence Community treaty by 100 votes to four—a blow to Communist opposition to the treaty. —France-Press and United Press.

TV In 3-D Next

Fort Worth, Texas, May 16.

The Chairman of Radio Corporation of America, Mr David Sarnoff, predicted last night that third-dimension television and worldwide TV would be available within five years.

Mr Sarnoff was in Fort Worth to touch the first Texas originated colour telecast, which was aired over WFAF-TV, owned by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

Mr Sarnoff, who played an important role himself in the development of television, said experts would eventually make television so that a family could watch in its living room events happening anywhere in the world—at the instant they occurred. He further predicted that third dimension on television would not require glasses.

Sarnoff said he believed that within 10 years the size of TV pictures in a home could be regulated by the viewer, like a movie projector.

And within two years, he believed, the price of colour television sets would be low enough for the average family to own. —United Press.

Dr Malan Has Another Try

Capetown, May 17.

Both houses of the South African Parliament go into a joint session today and the Prime Minister, Dr Daniel Malan, will try again to secure a two-thirds majority for legislation placing coloured voters on a separate voters' roll.

His bill seeks to validate the Separate Representation of Voters' Act 1952 which was invalidated by the Appeal Court because it had not been enacted in joint session with a two-thirds majority at the third reading — as prescribed by the South African Act.

The Government's present strength is 15 votes short of the necessary two-thirds majority.

Since 1951 all previous legislation in the coloured vote issue has failed to get a two-thirds majority of a joint sitting of both houses.

The coloureds, a mixed non-African racial group in Cape Province, vote with whites by tradition but the Nationalist Government's apartheid policy demands that they have separate electorates with only minimal representation in Parliament.

Like African natives they would be given a few white members to represent their interests.

Political observers forecast that Dr Malan will fail again even though at last year's joint session, the Independent United Party, numbering seven, broke away from the opposition.

It is not expected that these seven will support Dr Malan's bid for a two-thirds majority unless other opposition elements are prepared to do likewise in sufficient numbers to secure the majority.

This comes into prominence again with a Parliamentary Committee's report on new impending legislation designed to implement it. —China Mail Special.

Japanese Practise Earthquake Drill

Tokyo, May 16.

About 600 members of the Japan Red Cross rehearsed earthquake drill today in a Tokyo park.

The workers went through the motions of aiding victims of an imaginary earthquake that struck the Tokyo area.

Police and Coast Guard helicopters transported the "victims" to and from the park.

Members of the Royal family, Prince Chichibu and Prince Takamatsu watched the drill. —China Mail Special.

Abos "Go Chasem Shellas"

Brisbane, May 16.

Fifty aboriginal men in a mission near Cockatoo, more than 1,000 miles from here, want to get married—but there are no girls for them to wed.

So the Queensland Native Affairs Department is to send the men, in groups of eight, to a native settlement more than 300 miles south of Cockatoo where women outnumber men.

The department is confident the Cockatoo bachelors and the mission "spinners" will soon arrange things. —China Mail Special.

A NEW GRIPPING STORY BY LEONARD MOSLEY STARTS TODAY

FIND THIS BOY!

THE POLICE DOSSIER SAYS:

Mother—murdered Father—accused The son—in peril

"WELL, do we arrest him or don't we?" asked the man from the Director of Public Prosecutions, laying down the official report. "On this evidence, if we go to trial with him, he will hang. We have a good case and I think he killed her."

I looked at his round, complacent face and, not for the first time, thought how easy it was for him—deciding the guilt from typewritten sheets of foolscap. It feels a bit different when it is a person you have been trying to read, and not a column of words.

"You think he killed her, too, don't you, Stanley?" he asked. "Yes, I do," I said. "I'm certain of it."

He rose to his feet. "Well, then, why the hesitation? When they bring George Rowe in here in an hour's time, charge him with murder. He battered his wife to death. He deserves all he gets, and what he'll get, when our case is through, is the gallows."

I said: "But what about the boy?"

"Don't worry about him," he replied, going to the door. "We'll find him. And you'll see, he'll help our case, not harm it."

I let him go because I knew it was useless to argue with me. Even my own mind was made up about George Rowe. The facts against him were overwhelming.

As I sat there at my desk this morning, finishing my own report on the case, I knew the doubts in my mind were foolish—but that did not stop them from haunting me. And what mad them linger was the boy, whose photograph stared at me from the front pages of all the Sunday newspapers.

It was the photograph of a small, thin boy of 10. One headline said: "HAVE YOU SEEN THIS SAVED BOY? POLICE HUNT DEAD WOMAN'S CHILD." A story on another page said: "Has 10-year-old Tony Rowe, possible witness of his mother's murder, fled to Manchester? The aunt he used to visit lives there, and police think this sad-eyed boy may have gone to see her, but missed her. For his

aunt was away from home this week-end...."

They were right about the sad eyes. The face that stared up at me was that of a sick and worried angel. He looked as if he was desperately anxious and unhappy.

To judge from the facts we have gathered since the murder of his mother, there had been plenty of reasons why 10-year-old Tony Rowe both looked and felt that way.

I came into this murder case straight out of an afternoon off at the pictures, getting my first look at Cinemascope. At four o'clock on Thursday afternoon, there, on the screen, was Miss Terry Moore, at least 4ft. long, reclining luxuriously on a divan. Half an hour later I was in an Earls Court flat, looking at a different kind of body sprawling across the divan.

Mrs. Diana Rowe had been battered to death.

By the time I arrived the routine examinations had been made, and already the case had a shape. By early evening we knew for whom we were looking.

The woman caretaker, who lived in the basement flat, was our principal source of information. She spent a lot of time sitting by her window, she said, watching people pass by.

No, Mrs. Rowe hadn't had any visitors all morning. At half-past twelve Tony Rowe came home.

"Surprised me to see him, it did," the caretaker said. "He usually stayed at school for his dinner. Only decent meal he ever got, poor kid. A peevy child—and the way that woman treated him! I saw him go into the house and I heard his voice calling 'Mum! Mum!'"

"I did hear a crash or two from upstairs," she said, "but I just thought it was her slipping the poor bairn again."

It was getting on for two o'clock. They were playing Larkin with mother on the B.B.C. when Tony Rowe came out. He looked terribly sick, she said, and ran off like mad on the Cromwell Road. A few minutes later she heard the car of the Rowes' flat slam and a man came rushing out.

"I knew who he was at once," she said. "It was Mrs. Rowe's husband, the one she got the separation from while he was at sea. He hadn't been



THE BOY drawn by ROBB.

I HEARD HIM CALL FOR HIS MOTHER, THEN...

around for years, but I recognised him.

Someone had informed George Rowe about her. We found letters from him in the flat, protesting at the way she was treating their son, abusing her, threatening her.

We sent out the "red" signal: "Bring in George Rowe." We put checks on every road, railway, and river going out of the city. "May be accompanied by his son, Anthony Rowe, slight, delicate, dark-haired, aged 10."

But when we picked up George Rowe in Kensington High Street, yesterday morning, he was by himself. He was standing outside the cinema, asking small boys and girls: "Have you seen a boy named Tony—Tony Rowe?" when a policeman on crossing-duty recognised him. The blood was still on his coat.

After which they brought him to me. Oh, yes, he protested his innocence. "I didn't kill her," he kept saying, very quietly. "She was dead when I got there. It must have been someone else."

I said: "How could it have been Mr. Rowe? The only fingerprints in the flat were those of the deceased, the boy, the caretaker, and yourself. Your prints were on the heavy poker with which part of the attack was made. The seaman's knife with which you slashed her—you wiped the clean but you forgot the poker."

He looked at me with an expression of dull desperation, and murmured: "I didn't do it, I say! She telephoned and asked me to come and fetch the

boy. Why don't you find Tony? He was there when I went into the flat. He'll tell you I didn't do it. Why don't you find my son?"

Then he flung his head into his hands and said: "It's six years since he has seen me, and he didn't recognise me! He was frightened when I spoke to him and ran away." And then, getting to his feet: "Isn't it a terrible thing when a son doesn't recognise his own father?"

We questioned him all through Saturday and through the night hours. We sent out the alarm for Tony Rowe, and issued his picture and description.

I don't know what the boy can tell us when we find him. I doubt if it will help his father, anyway.

I hated to do it, for, in spite of the savage ferocity with which he killed his wife, he seems a decent enough man, but at 8.30 this evening I charged George Rowe with murder.

It must have been about an hour later when there was a knock on my door, and my clerk came in. "Beg pardon, sir," he said, "but there's a Mr. Robinson asking to see you. Says he's a doctor, sir, from St. James's Hospital."

"Mr. Robinson?"

"That's the name, sir. Shall I show him in?"

The door opened and the most famous blood specialist in the country, the man whose name gets hung up on palace walls when monarchs are ill, walked in. He shook my hand.

He paused and then went on: "I saved his life. I have continued to save his life, month after month, by giving him a twice-weekly injection which retards the wastage. But he has not been for his injections for the last five weeks, superintendent. He is badly in need of them already. If he is not found and brought to me before the middle of next week at the latest, he will die."

I sat in a daze for a little while after the doctor had gone. Then I picked up the telephone, spoke to the commissioner, and called the Press office.

"Hello, Joe," I said. "I'm desperately anxious to find that missing boy Tony Rowe, and I need the help of the newspapers and the B.B.C. It's a good story for them—so I want their maximum co-operation. Could you call a conference with the Press boys for me? Tell them Scotland Yard is going to ask the People of Great Britain to help us save the life of Tony Rowe. There isn't much time."

I put down the telephone, had a flask out of the flask, and prepared to go across to the Press room. I wondered if I should tell George Rowe, down in the cells, waiting to be tried for murder, about his son. For he had a vital stake in this too.

If Tony Rowe was not found in time to save his life, George Rowe's last chance of supporting his own story would die with the child—and he would hang, certain of it.

I decided to tell him later. I buzzed for my assistant, and when he came in, said: "Get me a travel voucher for Manchester and find out the time of the last train. I'm going to take a chance. I'm going North to see if I can find Tony Rowe there. Let Manchester police know, will you?"

"Yes, sir," he said. "I'll pack you some sandwiches."

NEXT A note from Tony Rowe



WHITEWASHING THE FORCED LABOUR CAMPS

By Walter Kolarz

SOVIET propaganda has found it necessary to react, at least indirectly, to the flood of information which has recently come out of Soviet Russia about conditions in such ill-famed places as the Vorkuta coal-mining and the Kolyma gold-mining areas.

The press and radio of the free world during recent months have been in a position to give the public a great deal of up-to-date, first-hand information about the forced labour system in the more remote parts of the Soviet empire. The story of the Vorkuta strike in the summer of 1953, in particular, made a great impression in the West, and now it has no doubt penetrated over the other side of the Iron Curtain.

So the Soviet press has every reason to try to show that Vorkuta and Magadan are really normal localities, whatever the former camp inmates may tell the world.

The Soviet counter-campaign touched a climax during the Komsovol (Youth League) Congress which ended recently. Among the carefully selected

speakers—mostly high Komsovol officials—there appeared suddenly an obscure engine driver from Vorkuta. He purported to speak for "the young people of the Polar region, miners, railwaymen and builders" who were "glorifying the Motherland with their successes in the North."

But in other contexts too, both Vorkuta and Magadan, two towns which owe their existence entirely to the forced labour communities there, are being brought into the news. There is a clear attempt to give a new meaning, however erroneous, to these names which have hitherto had so sinister a significance.

PHOTOS PUBLISHED

On March 2, 1954 the Soviet Literary Gazette published some photographs of Magadan. The article which went with them contained such phrases as: "A beautiful, well-built town with many-storeyed houses, with a theatre, hospitals, kindergartens and clubs—this is Magadan today."

An article in Izvestia on January 24, 1954 gave a similar picture of the development of Vorkuta. It called

Vorkuta "a mining town" and quoted a description of it given in the central organ of the Komi Republic, Za novy Sever ("For a new North"), which spoke of new buildings going up and said that "soon Vorkuta will be one of the most beautiful towns in the Soviet Union."

There is no doubt that these regions are, in fact, being developed and that their populations are increasing. In February 1953, Magadan was promoted to a town of territorial importance, and in December 1953 a new administrative area was formed, and Vorkuta, in the case of Vorkuta, however, the climatic conditions are such that there could be no question of a growing population there, were it not for the forced labour system and for the Soviet Government's determination further to develop an area rich in coal.

The "young people" to whom the Vorkuta delegates at the Komsovol Congress referred can only be boys and girls who are in some way connected with the labour camps, whether they are the children of inmates, of administrative and police personnel, or themselves ex-convicts who have been freed



GLIDING TO PLEASURE

By Jack Senn

IN this jet age, there are air-minded Britons who still prefer to soar in a glider at a comfortable pace over the green fields of England.

Twenty-five gliding clubs scattered over the country contain 1,800 members devoted to this airborne pastime. To the pilots, gliding means a test of flying skill coupled with an innate joy in reaching the skies. The excitement they derive from their "circuits" is as great as that provided by any football match.

Some, of course, believe in record-breaking flights. Usually international ones, they enter for the world championships held annually at Great Hucklow, in Derbyshire, during two weeks in July and August.

Others have not been so fortunate. Mr. Lorne Welch, a Surrey gliding instructor flying 8,500 feet above Dover, was once forced to "join" a cloud and drift all the way to Brussels. He made the 200-mile journey in six hours and 20 minutes.

Mr. Bernard Thomas tried to glide from Sheffield to the South Coast. But the wind "let him down" and he landed in Ilford sports ground, just outside London.

But even the most experienced cannot beat wind and weather. Oxford's Professor G. Varley, an entomologist, is naturally interested in all things winged—even gliders.

A gliding enthusiast, he decided one day last Easter to visit his old university—Cambridge—by air.

Then, only 25 miles from Kidlington, his machine began to lose height. The professor selected a green stretch which looked velvety smooth. As he was about to land, the wind sprang up and deposited him somewhat bumpily in the next field.

Taking his bearings, he saw before him an imposing brick house with a spacious drive to it. Just as he was on his way to seek help there, he noted to his disappointment (and relief) that he had almost landed in the grounds of Chequers, the Prime Minister's official country residence.

But despite these flights, which often fall short, or overshoot the mark, pilots say that gliding is as "safe as a car cruise on an empty road."

Septics still doubt the sport's safety. To this Professor Varley, Mr. Welch and Mr. Thomas answer that there are some hitches to it, but only when the glider is not airborne.

Septics

Then, only 25 miles from Kidlington, his machine began to lose height. The professor selected a green stretch which looked velvety smooth. As he was about to land, the wind sprang up and deposited him somewhat bumpily in the next field.

Taking his bearings, he saw before him an imposing brick house with a spacious drive to it. Just as he was on his way to seek help there, he noted to his disappointment (and relief) that he had almost landed in the grounds of Chequers, the Prime Minister's official country residence.

But despite these flights, which often fall short, or overshoot the mark, pilots say that gliding is as "safe as a car cruise on an empty road."

Septics still doubt the sport's safety. To this Professor Varley, Mr. Welch and Mr. Thomas answer that there are some hitches to it, but only when the glider is not airborne.

MEET THE CHAMPIONS



Shown above are the champions of the three Senior Doubles events in the Colony Open Badminton Championships which concluded recently.

From left to right are:

Ullian Khoo and Winnie Cheung (Ladies' Doubles winners), Robert Tay and P. H. Wong (Men's Doubles winners), and Winnie Cheung and Ramon Young (Mixed Doubles winners).—China Mail Photos.

HONGKONG'S SHUTTLERS STILL HAVE THE MATCH TO PLAY AGAINST JAPAN

By "ARGONAUT"

Although the Hongkong Badminton League and Championship season has already ended and the official year of the Association is at its end, the shuttle game will continue to attract more than its quota of interest during the next few months.

One reason is that Hongkong's second round Thomas Cup match against Japan will have to be played off before November 30. This subject has again been included on the agenda of the Executive Committee meeting of the Hongkong Badminton Association scheduled for this afternoon and it is hoped that this time it will pass through its discussion stage, and result in some definite and concrete action being taken.

A selection and training committee were appointed months before but it seems that little action, if any, has been taken by these committees up to now and it was extremely fortunate that Hongkong was awarded a walkover in its first round tie against Burma.

It is hoped that the realisation will dawn on the Association at its meeting this afternoon that the training of the Hongkong team will have to begin immediately if the beneficial effects of the recently concluded Championships are not to disappear into the summer air, and also if Hongkong hopes to put up any sort of team against the Japanese, let alone beat them.

MUCH EASIER

The recent Championships have made the selection task much easier. In the singles Ramon Young, provided that he is able to produce good form in the trials, and Bill Fung are automatic choices for the first two singles berths.

For the third singles place, the choice will have to be made among Johnny Pomeroy, Jr., Jimmy Ku, Francis Rozario, and University's R. T. Heah and M. T. Yeow.

The selection of the doubles pairs will be a slightly more difficult proposition. It has to be borne in mind that the Thomas Cup regulations allow for a maximum of six players to form a team, which means that one of the singles players will have to play in the doubles.

At the onset, therefore, it is necessary for the Selection Committee to have a fairly definite idea as to who of the singles players will be asked to play in the doubles.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Lee Wai-Tong Replies

Sir,—I have no personal animosity against Mr. Tom Sveddon, whose views and experience I respect, but I, M. McTavish, in his article in your issue last Saturday, failed to appreciate that my role as the Asian Games was that of a commentator and as such, what I have expressed over the radio broadcasts, should be taken as a third party's uninhibited opinion, and not tainted with any personal bias.

If the task of a commentator is confined only to praise, then he should be a panegyrist and not a commentator.

I have no desire to engage in any acrimonious discussion in your paper. It is necessary for me to say that all humans are not infallible and even the best sportsmen and coaches have erred.

I repeat again that I respect Mr. Sveddon's views and ability, and I am prepared to apologise to him if he is of the opinion that my commentary was personal rather than in the interests of sports.

LEE WAI-TONG

Experience has proved that it is too much for a first and second singles players to also play in the doubles as each of the players has to play two matches in the tie.

This duty has been invariably performed by the third singles player, who has only one singles match to play. This consideration will probably affect the choice of the third singles player as only R. T. Heah of the third singles prospect is anywhere near making the doubles berth.

Then, too, the Selection Committee may have to re-haul long-standing combinations if necessary to provide for greater effectiveness.

The range of such prospects, however, could easily be limited to the following: P. H. Wong, Robert Tay, W. P. Foo, R. Young, R. T. Heah, Low Keat-soo and Wong Kai-cheung.

It is a pity that the current Colony Singles Champion, Y. S. Lim, cannot qualify to play for Hong Kong under the eligibility rules, or else a great deal of the selection problem could have been solved.

As to the method of training it is suggested that it be started immediately with one night's practice per week in singles, one night in doubles and one morning of roadwork.

The number of practices could be gradually increased, but it is important that emphasis be placed on roadwork in the earlier stages of the training so as to put the players in an extremely fit condition when they do come to the actual serious practices.

It is interesting to note, too, that in about four months' time, Hongkong badminton will be attaining its full growth of 21 years.

Looking back at these years, one cannot say that progress in this realm of sport has been anywhere near phenomenal, although much has been achieved. It took the Colony 20 years before it took part in the International Championships and about 17 years before it saw in action the first top ranking foreign players on its home courts.

However, consolation can be gained from the fact that it took Malaya just under 30 years to reach top place in the badminton world and just about a quarter century for India to instal herself as the world's topmost exponent of hockey.

The lack of suitable halls and the expensive nature of the game have been the greatest hindrances to the rapid growth of the sport and here perhaps some action can be taken by the Association.

Strong voices have already been raised for the need of a full-size indoor swimming pool for the Colony. To these the Hongkong Badminton Association could probably add theirs that in the event of that pool being realised, consideration could be given to have it so constructed that it could be covered up during the winter months to provide three or four badminton courts as was done in the French Club in Shanghai.

DEATH OF COMPETITION

The death of competition is another detrimental factor to the improvement of the

standard of the game in the Colony and in this respect Crailgower Cricket Club should be complimented on its contemplated project of holding at least three invitation events in their annual badminton championships. More of these short-period tournaments can be of untold benefit to players in improving their game.

Finally there is one aspect of the game that needs the special attention of those at the helm of the Association next year or in the years to come. The game should be brought more to the public whether by publicity in both the Chinese and English press or by action by the Association in encouraging the formation of groups of new teams.

The introduction of new events, like the midget and junior classes in the Schoolboys and Schoolgirls' tournaments have done a great deal in building up new players and more activity by the Association in this direction will further ensure it of a greater following and a wealth of talent from which to pick their representative players in future years.

However, it must be conceded that the scope of the Association's activities has been greatly limited during this year and past years because it has had to pander to the needs and petty complaints of even its senior clubs.

Unless such clubs make a strong effort to stand on their own feet and leave the Association free to extend its activities in other directions it will be difficult to see Hongkong badminton progress any further in another 20 years' time than it has done during the last 20 years.

BASEBALL SCORES

New York, May 16. Today's Major League baseball results were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

New York	R H E
Baltimore	2 11 1
New York (2nd)	0 3 0
Baltimore	6 12 0
Philadelphia	7 9 1
Cleveland	12 10 1
Philadelphia (2nd)	0 1 1
Cleveland	6 9 0
Chicago	5 12 2
Washington	10 10 1
Washington (2nd)	3 9 1
Chicago	1 5 0
Boston	0 11 1
Detroit	7 4 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis	R H E
Philadelphia	7 10 1
St. Louis (2nd)	2 8 2
Philadelphia	3 4 1
Milwaukee	3 7 3
New York	2 9 0
Milwaukee (2nd)	2 8 0
New York	9 10 0
Chicago	12 17 2
Pittsburgh	6 10 0
Chicago (2nd)	4 1 1
Pittsburgh	6 7 0
Cincinnati	2 8 0
Brooklyn	4 8 0
Cincinnati (2nd)	7 8 1
Brooklyn	3 7 1

—United Press.

SOCCER INTERNATIONAL

YUGOSLAVS BEAT ENGLAND 1-0

Belgrade, May 16.

Yugoslavia maintained their unbeaten record against England by winning 1-0 in a football international here today.

England were defeated also in a "B" international played at Ljubljana, where the Yugoslavs won 2-1, the goals in both matches being scored in the second half. A capacity crowd of about 60,000 saw the Belgrade match in which Rajko Mitic, the Yugoslav inside-right, scored the winning goal three minutes before the end.

Together with Branko Stanovic, the right back who celebrated his 50th birthday, and Zlatko Cajkovski, the sturdy half, Mitic built up the Yugoslav team. All three were brilliant in defence and attack.

While there was some doubt about the free kick which led up to the winning goal, the Yugoslavs deserved their victory. They forced eight corners to none by England and pressed for long periods in the second half when England were quite out of touch.

England got the better of things in the opening quarter of the first half, but the Yugoslavs rallied strongly and had some fine opportunities towards the end of the half when Merrick, the English goalkeeper, had to save quickly twice in succession from Milos Milutinovic, the Yugoslav outside-right, and Mitic.

BEST CHANCE

With the stiff wind behind them, England had their best chance in the 23rd minute of the first half when Beara, the

Yugoslav goalkeeper, saved a shot from close range by Ronnie Allen, the English centre-forward.

In the second half, a stiff breeze did not give the forwards much opportunity of getting their attack going and play was ragged. It looked like being a goalless draw when the Yugoslav goal came.

Mullen, the English outside-left, was alleged to have obstructed Milutinovic and Cajkovski took the free kick. He passed it in the goalmouth, where Mitic lunged forward to earn the victory for the home team three minutes before the end of the match.

A few minutes before the Yugoslav centre-forward Vukobratovic missed a good chance of opening the score when he just failed to get his head to a centre from the left.

The English left-wing found the wind troublesome and though they did some good things, they did not move smoothly together. The defence was very sound and Sid Owen, the centre-half, was a distinct success. Merrick in goal had no chance of saving the deciding goal.—Reuter.

DAVIS CUP MATCHES

Madrid, May 16.

Italy won both singles and the delayed second round Davis Cup tie (European Zone) against Spain here today, having been rained off for the past two days.

Orlando Sirola beat Carlos Ferrer 6-1, 6-6, 7-5 and Marcello Delo defeated Emilio Martinez 6-2, 7-5, 6-2.—Reuter.

Luxembourg, May 16.

Denmark gained a winning 3-0 lead in their second round Davis Cup tie (European Zone) over Luxembourg here today.

In the doubles Kurt Nielsen and Torben Ulrich (Denmark) beat Wertheim and Wampach (Luxembourg) 6-4, 9-7, 6-0.

Yesterday Ulrich beat Wertheim 6-2, 6-0, 6-0 and Nielsen defeated Wampach 6-4, 6-2, 6-0.

Denmark will meet the winners of the tie between Germany and Hungary in the next round.—Reuter.

London, May 15.

Britain, if they defeat Brazil in the tie being played at Eastbourne, will meet Belgium, last year's semi-winners, in the third round of the Davis Cup (European Zone) lawn tennis competition.

Belgium lead Brazil 2-1. Belgium to-day gained a winning 3-0 lead over Yugoslavia.

Other countries to qualify for the third round to-day were Sweden and France. Both gained 3-0 leads. Sweden over Egypt and France against Norway.

Saturday's results were: Brussels.—Belgium lead Yugoslavia 3-0; P. Washer and J. Brichant (Belgium) beat J. Padala and J. Petrovic 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

Calo.—Sweden lead Egypt 3-0; Davidsson and L. Bengtson (Sweden) beat A. Adel and D. Acobas 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 6-2.

Oalo.—France lead Norway 3-0; Haillet (France) beat Rolf Papo 7-5, 6-2, 4-6, 6-4; J. Duques de la Halle and P. Remy (France) beat Pope and N. Hesen 6-4, 6-2, 6-6.—Reuter.

Vienna, May 16.

India led to-day by three matches to nil against Austrian in the second round of the Davis Cup European zone.

To-day's doubles match was won by Kumar and Nath of India who beat Rodi and Sakto by 3-0, 6-3, 6-3, and 6-4.

India now qualifies for the third round against France.—France-Press.

CHEE MING WINS THE PENTATHLON

This year's Pentathlon Championship was won by Chee Ming of the South China Athletic Association, who won the R. B. Black Trophy from 14 other contestants with 2,796 points at Caroline Hill yesterday.

The Mollacran Trophy Scoring Table was used for the performance of each athlete. The 16 competitors were divided into four groups and each competitor participated in the four field events—the high jump, shot put, long jump and javelin—and the 400 metres.

LT. HUGHES SECOND
Lt. N. R. Hughes of the Welch Regiment was second in the pentathlon with 2,525.75 points, followed by S/Sgt. Waite of the R.M.E. who finished with 2,350.25 points. Mr. Chan-wai of the HKUAC just beat Chang Yau-hung of SCAA for fourth place with 2,270.583 points to 2,262.75 points.

Chee Ming finished the day with first positions in the high jump and long jump and third positions in the shot put and javelin, and the third best time in the 400 metres with 58 seconds.

In the high jump, Chee Ming cleared 5 feet 7 3/4 inches and he did 21 feet 3 3/4 inches in the long jump.

Li N. R. Hughes made the best throw of the day in the javelin with 103 feet 3 3/4 inches. The next best in the javelin was only 131 feet 6 inches by S/Sgt. Waite.

Although Gnr. Dickinson's place in the Pentathlon was fifteenth, his put of 36 feet 8 inches in the shot put was the best of the day.

Griffiths registered the best time in the 400 metres with a run of 58.8 seconds.

At the end of the competition Mr. P. J. Gungay, Secretary of the HKUAC, presented the R. B. Black Trophy and shields to the first four in the Pentathlon.

The following were the full results: Chee Ming (SCAA) 2,796.25; 2. Lt. N. R. Hughes (Welch) 2,525.75; 3. S/Sgt. Waite (R.M.E.) 2,350.25; 4. Mr. Chan-wai (HKUAC) 2,270.583; 5. Gungay (HKUAC) 2,262.75; 6. S/Cpl. Petrie (A. A. Workshops) 2,162.33; 7. Gnr. G. Rogers (2nd L.A.A. Regt.) 2,001.575; 8. Griffiths (RAF) 1,970.00; 9. Cpl. D. Robertson (A. A. Workshops) 1,882.107; 10. Cpl. Tsang Kwong-10; 11. Cpl. Tsang Kwong-10; 12. Cpl. Wai-lan (SCAA) 1,887.752; 13. R. M. Sweeney (Unattached) 1,814.132; 14. T. A. Boulter 1,785.242; 15. Gnr. J. Dickinson (16th Regt. R. A.) 1,665.067.

When Leicestershire batted they were kept in check and were able to hit only 53 runs in 110 minutes for the loss of one wicket, even though the Pakistan bowling did not appear particularly deadly.—Reuter.

PIRIE SHOWS THEM HOW



The British champion, Gordon Pirie, demonstrating before a group of schoolboy athletes who attended the young athletes' course sponsored by the County of Surrey AAA at Molspur Park.—Central Press Photo.

BRITAIN'S CAR-RACING CHANCES FOR 1954

Not Very Startling Except For One Likely Surprise

By GILBERT ELLIS

Another car-racing season has started with the sport bidding fair to be one of the nation's top crowd-magnets. Anyone who has waited hours to clear the Silverstone car-park knows how true this is.

Ever since the war more and more people have been discovering that roaring exhausts and the tang of racing oil have an intoxication all of their own.

Staid citizens who previously regarded a motor-car as something that got them from A to B with varying success, now argue the merits of Ferrari's and Jaguars, Connaughts and Maseratis.

To many sports fans the initials S.M. mean Stirling Moss as well as Stanley Matthews.

There are several reasons. More people have cars and can attend meetings deep in the country. The sport has become more "democratic," the garage-owner's son stands as much chance of becoming a Grand Prix ace as the speed-happy scion of a wealthy father.

And more than any other sport—with the possible exception of boxing—it breeds the

sort of hero the public loves to idolise.

Whatever the explanation, car racing is popular with a big "P."

What, then, are Britain's chances in the coming international season? Frankly, not very startling—either in the sports car or Grand Prix classes.

In the Grand Prix class our only answer to the challenge of Italy's Ferrari's is the highly problematical B.R.M., a good car with too many "off" days. More reliable is the Connaught. But, even in the hands of our best drivers, it just doesn't have the "urge" to do more than trail valiantly behind its Continental rivals.

What's more, there isn't one British name among the three top men of the Grand Prix class. Ascari (Italy), Fangio (Argentina) and Farina (Italy). Admittedly, headline-making Mike Hawthorn and Stirling Moss are high on the list. But, good as they are, neither is—at the moment—a world-beater. And, anyway, Hawthorn is under contract to drive the Italian Ferrari's.

In the sports car field, our superiority is menaced by something new; a long-nosed, low slung road-devourer from Italy's famed Lancia company. Already it has shown its worth by winning the heart-breaking Italian road race, the Mille Miglia.

In this race, world champion Alberto Ascari kept up an average of 88.7 m.p.h. for one thousand miles. By averaging 30 m.p.h. over a long stretch, some time and just watch your speedometer climb as you try to keep up the average over the open sections.

But... no British car, got into the first six.

SOMETHING UNUSUAL

Italy will also be putting up its sports Ferrari's and Alfa Romeo's. America will field the Cunningham. And it's more than likely that Mercedes Benz—those built high-powered stuff cars for top Nazi party officials—will produce something very unusual... and dangerous to British prestige.

Britain's hopes are still largely pinned on the faithful

competition model of the Jaguar XK 120—a much less expensive production than its Continental counterparts.

But we do have one surprise up our sleeve. It's the new Lagonda designed by David Brown of Aston Martin fame. And if engine size has anything to do with race victories, Britain might yet shock the car racing pundits. For the Lagonda is powered by a V12 engine, fed by a positive battery of carburetors.

If, on the other hand, it turns out to be the B.R.M. of the sports car world, Britain will have to battle hard to maintain any vestige of prestige in 1954.

CARRUTHERS RETIRES

Sydney, May 16.

Jimmy Carruthers, Australian holder of the world bantamweight championship, announced tonight that he had retired from boxing.

Carruthers, who has held the title since November 1952, said: "I shall never don the gloves again." He added that he had taken up boxing to make money, and had now earned sufficient to retire.

"This is not an overnight decision, as you might think, but a planned event in my life," Carruthers declared. "I came into the fight game to make money, and to me it was purely a business. I have made a lot of money since I first started fighting. Now I intend going into business."

Carruthers, who is 24, said that when he won the title from Vic Towel of South Africa he intended to defend it three times, or four at the very most. He has since had three championship fights—4. He retired about with Towel (and matches with Henry "Pappy" Gault (United States) and Chamen Songkrat (Thailand).

"In my own heart, I know I am doing right," he declared. "I feel that I am at my peak in fighting, and, in my opinion, that is the time to get out of it."—Reuter.

THE GAMBOLS

by Barry Appleby



SING TAO 2, KMB 4

TIGERS MOVED WITH A SILKY TEXTURE, BUT BUSMEN WON THE MATCH

By I. M. MacTAVISH

How different this result might have been. In the early stages a casual visitor would have been excused for thinking that it was the Tigers and not the Busmen who were on the verge of Championship honours.

There was silky texture about the Sing Tao play that compared more than favourably with anything that KMB showed at any time in the match. They moved the ball about with speed and accuracy and the right wing partnership of Chow Kit and Yeung Wai-tao suggested danger at every move.

Sing Tao should have opened their account immediately after the start but the score was not long delayed and Yeung Wai-tao left the KMB defenders standing to drive the ball into the net in the third minute. The Tigers maintained their superiority and it was all against the run of play when Tam Woon-cheung got a simple equaliser.

Mo Cheung-yau had a couple of possible chances to restore the Sing Tao lead but it was left to Yeung Wai-tao to do the needful in the 20th minute.

KMB got another simple goal in the 28th minute when goalkeeper Yue Yui-tak made a less than half-hearted attempt to stop a soft shot by Tang Yee-Kit.

TRAVESTY OF FACT
It was a travesty of fact that the teams should be on level terms when Referee Wilcock blew the interval whistle. On pressure and play the Tigers were much superior to our potential champions and it was only indifferent goalkeeping by Yue Yui-tak that left them in such a false position.

But, as we have seen on many occasions during the season, KMB are at their most dangerous just when the tide seems to be going against them and so it proved again.

Immediately after the interval they launched a strong attack down the right wing and diminutive Lee Shui-fai put his side in the lead when his shot was accidentally turned into his own goal by left back Mok Kam-cheung. This really completed the Tigers' tale of woe and they never recovered from the unfortunate reverse.

Centre-forward Tang Yee-Kit completed the scoring when he nudged through the defence to score a great individualistic goal. Receiving the ball on a through pass near the middle of the field, Tang outstripped five defenders before driving the ball home.

Once in the lead KMB never looked in any real danger. They began to show flashes of the brilliant constructive play of which we know they are capable but even in this they never really matched the early brilliance of their opponents.

SHOWMAN

Head and shoulders above everyone else in this game stood Hau Yung-ang. In his enthusiasm he was several times caught out of position in the later stages of the second half, but if some of the others in the Tigers' team had played with the same determination and skill they would not have left the field a defeated side.

His delightful side-of-the-foot passing and his timely interventions bore the hallmark of the class footballer. I have often criticised his attacking play but no one can deny that he is a personality. In fact I'd go so far as to say... a showman. How our game would benefit from a few more characters like him.

Apart from Hau Yung-ang, Sit Pei-yin, Yeung Wai-tao and Chow Kit put a lot of effort into their play while, until he tired in the heat, Cheung Kam-hoi was the brains of a forward line in which Ho Cheung-yau was strangely quiet.

Hung Hing-yuk, Ng Kee-cheung, Lee Shui-fai and Tang Yee-Kit were the outstanding Busmen but there were long periods when it was hard to realise that this team has almost got the Championship trophy within its grasp.

VERDICT: Not a great game but there was a lot of entertaining play. The result might easily have gone the other way... in fact this was a clear case of the points going with the breaks... but at least two

Barthel Runs His Fastest Mile

Cambridge, Mass., May 15. Joey Barthel (Luxembourg), the Olympic 1,500 metres champion, won a special mile race in 4 mins 2.3 seconds in the Hepsational Games at Harvard Stadium here today.

Barthel's time was only a second short of the Stadium record set by Sweden's Gudar Hegg 15 years ago. Barthel, Fred Dwyer, Horace Aashenfelder, Fred Will (all USA) and Alex Brockbridge (Scotland) followed Barthel in that order. —Reuter.

THE TEAMS

Sing Tao: Yue Yui-tak; Hau Yung-ang, Mok Kam-cheung; Sit Pei-yin, Hoi-mai, Lo Kong-chuen; Yeung Wai-tao, Chow Kit, Cheung Kam-hoi, Ho Cheung-yau, Lau Chung-sang.

KMB: Wai Fat-kim; Hung Hing-yuk, Sit Pei-yin, Tang Yee-Kit, Lee Shui-fai, Sze To Man, Tang Yee-Kit, Lee Tai-fai, Tam Woon-cheung.

KWONG WAH 4, ARMY 3

In sweltering heat, on a bone hard ground, and with a light ball Kwong Wah conquered the elements to score a well-deserved victory that was even more decisive than the goals tally suggests.

The Army team shows all the signs of having had a successful season for this season, and certainly they never revealed the same care-free abandon as their opponents in this game.

The departure of established players has left weaknesses in the side, but newcomer Riley gave promise of being an important addition to the team for next season.

Kwong Wah started off in fast style and although they lost a quick goal, when a defender turned a Lennon's shot into the net, they never really looked to be in much danger of losing the game.

When the interval arrived they were in the lead by three goals to one as the result of good shots from Lo Sau-fook (2) and Lau Kai-chiu.

Immediately after the interval the Chinese boys went further ahead when Tam Yung-kan took advantage of loose covering in the soldiers' defence to send the ball into the net wide of Granger.

For the first time the Army started to fight back to take charge of the play. A penalty given by Wells and a fast accurate shot by Reeves put a better appearance on the score card but the Kwong Wah de-

fence, inspired by Yue Kai-yan, held out until the final whistle to become the first team to take three goals from the soldiers this season.

The winners got excellent service from Yue Kai-yan, Sit Kam-hung, So Sau-ming in defence and Lo Sau-fook and Lau Kai-chiu in the attack. Inside-left Lo had a particularly good game — probably his best of the season — and he was largely instrumental in claiming the points for his team.

For the Army, Granger had little to do and had no chance with the goals that beat him. Crowhurst was uncomfortable at right back and it was only clever covering by a top-form Wells that prevented the Kwong Wah left flank from exploiting the weakness.

Frazer got through a lot of sound work in the middle and Higgins showed improved form when he reverted to his normal position at left half in the second half.

Lennon and Reeves were the danger men up front but both of them received injuries after the interval and finished the game limping.

Thomas disappointed early on but when he had to take on a roving commission late in the game he got through a lot of good work.

VERDICT: Kwong Wah were worthy winners. The Army was a disappointing side and is obviously suffering from the loss of so many of its star players. But all twenty-two players could have been pardoned for removing their shirts and settling down to a comfortable spell of sunbathing. It was that kind of weather.

THE TEAMS

Kwong Wah — Yue Kai-yan; Sit Kam-hung, Cheung Tang-sun; Hsu Du-yud, So Sau-ming, Chen Yu, Chen Ming-chiu, Kwok Cheuk-cheung, Lau Kai-chiu, Lo Sau-fook, Tam Yung-kan.

Army — Granger; Crowhurst; Wells; Higgins, Frazer, Riley; Lennon, Reeves, Bennett, Wingfield, Thomas.

Many New Players In County Cricket

By DENNIS HART

As the new cricket season gets under way speculation runs high on who will gain the honours; England or Pakistan in the Tests; Surrey or one of sixteen challengers in the county championship.

While such things are a matter for conjecture, one point is certain—much of the limelight will centre on fresh faces.

The Tests set the pattern. For the first time ever a team from Pakistan, Britain's youngest Dominion, are the visitors. In the County Championship new men are a feature of many sides.

True, all the faces will not be entirely new. Some have already made brief appearances and given hopes of great things to come. This season, a full summer's cricket can show whether these hopes are likely to be fulfilled.

NORTHANTS HOPE

The progress of a young Northamptonshire lad will be followed with much interest. He is Frank Tyson, a burly 23-year-old who originally hails from Lancashire, tipped by Freddie Brown to become another Larwood.

Last season some 250 overs earned him 26 wickets. In approved fashion he spent some of the winter felling trees to build up his physique. His stamina will be closely watched, for in the past he has been inclined to burn up quickly.

Although unlikely to make Test grade this season—True-man and Statham are the main candidates to keep out Westwood—a good summer can earn Frank a trip to Australia in the winter.

Such a prospect may also be in store for another young bowler a slow one this time, off-spinner Robin Marlar of Sussex. Last season Robin skipped the Cambridge University side. On the feathered-bowling side, he captured 61 wickets, nearly twice as many as any other Light

Blue bowler, at an average cost of 26 runs.

At the end of term he came down to Sussex and took 56 County Championship wickets for less than 25 runs apiece.

But perhaps the youngster who engenders most hope, from his own county at least, is John Bailey, of Essex.

Of medium pace, John—no relation to Trevor—burst onto the scene last summer in sensational fashion. In his first match he took seven Nottinghamshire wickets for 32 runs. He finished the season with 23 wickets costing a mere 13 runs each, a performance which gained him top place in all the first class averages.

NO WONDER

And no wonder Essex are hopeful. Their batting is the brightest in the country. But the bowling, still relying mainly on the willing, but no longer young, Ray Smith, can do with a boost.

Another pace bowler who should catch the eye is Yorkshire's Bob Appleyard. It may seem strange to talk of a bowler who has captured over 200 wickets in one season as a newcomer. But Appleyard, after achieving that feat in his first full summer's cricket, was stricken with pleurisy and has been out of the game for two years.

Now he is starting all over again. Not all the county newcomers are youngsters however. Some have made their names with other counties, some in other countries.

At Somerset can be found some of each, in the most cosmopolitan side in the country. Included in their line-up this season will be a West Indian, Peter Wright, an Australian Jim McMahon, who, incidentally came via Surrey, and Lancastrians John Hilton and John Lomax.

They face a difficult task. Last season, for the second time in succession, Somerset finished at the bottom of the table. Everyone wishes the new men well.

RESCUE ACT

Another overseas "import" looked upon to do a rescue act is Australian all-rounder Jack Pettiford, now qualified for Kent colours.

Pettiford, who gave so many fine displays for the Australian Air Force in the 1945 English season, is a fine forcing batsman and leg-break bowler. His task will be to instil the sparkle so characteristic of pre-war Kent cricket.

Strangely, while Kent will be strengthened by one new all-rounder they lose another. Brian Edrich, youngest of the great cricketing family has "emigrated" to Glamorgan.

He should prove a steady influence in the Welsh side. Glamorgan will also have two new young batsmen in the ranks, Brian Hedges, kept out of the side last season through injuries, and Jim Pressdee, kept out through national service.

But the County still look to an old stager to give them a good start. Opening the innings as usual will be Enrys Davies, now in his 50th year, thirty of which have been spent in service of Glamorgan.

ON HIS WAY



John Landy, the famous Australian runner who has made several efforts to run the elusive "four-minute" mile, pictured on his arrival at London Airport on his way to Finland and Sweden where he will attempt to break the world records for the 1,500 Metres and one Mile.—Central Press Photo.

Mottram And Paish—They Were Veterans When They Started

First major event on the British lawn tennis calendar is the Hard Courts Championships at Bournemouth. British? In name only. The goods have usually been foreign.

"I wonder what American or Swede will play the Australian or Dane" was often the crowd's conjecture on the final.

But not this year. Conjecture was blown gloriously sky-high. The tournament ended last week. For the first time in 17 years the final was between two British players—Tony Mottram and Geoff Paish.

To reach the last round, the British pair knocked out two of the world's top hard courts players, these two great Danes, Kurt Nielsen, Wimbledon finalist last year, and Torben Ulrich.

A wonderful performance from the international prestige angle. And even greater one from the national sporting point of view.

For, as Britain's top tennis pair, the lot of Mottram and Paish has been a strange one.

HELD THE FORT

They have held the fort through some of the leanest years Britain has experienced. But by some queer reasoning, less discerning followers of the game have attributed the bad spell to Mottram and Paish.

Their argument runs something like this: "Being Britain's best, they should have made their mark in the international field. If they couldn't let them make way for younger blood."

So the talk is the Knights, the Wilsons and Oakleys. All well and good. Youth must have its head. Especially in tennis—essentially a young man's game. But not until it has proved itself worthy of the heritage.

So Mottram and Paish have never won any top world tournaments? Maybe not. But they are unbeaten by their own countrymen.

And their record against overseas players bears examination. In the seven years they have collected 34 Davis Cup victories. And they are still Britain's front rank.

STARTED AS VETERANS

With all this talk of youth, it is interesting to record that, by modern standards, Mottram and Paish were veterans when they entered the international field.

Returning from the war, Mottram was 26, Paish 24. It availed them little that in 1937 schoolboy Mottram was hailed as another Fred Perry or that, the following year, the same claims were levelled at schoolboy Paish.

Many years had elapsed since then. Years which would have been the formative and peak ones of their careers, but in which tennis played an almost non-existent part.

Mottram, indeed, almost gave up the top-class game. Up to the war he had been at school. After that his only trade was an Air Force pilot. He had to think of earning a living.

He couldn't do that as an amateur tennis player—unless he reached the top. He had to judge whether he could do that.

Reason said no. At 26, he could never start all over again. But reason isn't everything. Tony loved tennis. Love found its way.

WAS EASIER

For Paish the decision was easier. A civil servant, his

HOLLYWOOD HEADLINES

MR DISNEY DECIDES IT'S TIME FOR ANOTHER FAIRY STORY

By JENNIFER JOHNS

Hollywood.

Thrilled with seeing "Pinocchio" for a second time (its revival here is outstripping its first-run popularity) I decided to see what the animators at the Disney studios had on their drawing boards for the future. I found they had quite a lot.

Although currently achieving an outstanding success with his latest Nature documentaries ("The Living Desert" and "Bear Country"), Mr Disney has decided that it is nevertheless time for another fairy story.

As a result the famous Burbank studio is to start work soon on its most ambitious cartoon project ever—nearly £2 million worth of "Beauty and the Beast". When production starts more than 600 people will be fully employed on the film. It won't be shown before 1958 but a "best-ever" from Disney should be worth waiting for.

VOICE IS NOT SILENT

Even though "From Here to Eternity" has made him a fully-fledged (and Oscar-winning) dramatic star, I gather that Frank Sinatra has no intention of slowing down the production of his records. In fact he is recording every spare moment he can get off from his work on "Suddenly"—the thriller in which he has the job of killing the President of the United States. "This dramatic acting is

fine to get your teeth into but I couldn't get along without singing sometimes!" Nor it seems could his public get along without Frankie. One of his latest songs, "Young At Heart" has sold 750,000 records. "This isn't enough," says Frankie. "I want it to be over the million mark. But it's not bad all the same. Nor is it."

STILL SEARCHING

Marilyn and Joe are still looking for their dream house. Plenty of people willing to sell them a dream. For a million dollars. "All we want" says Marilyn "is just a small place. One bedroom."

Mario Lanza recently refused a one-week singing turn in Philadelphia. At £25,000, he is still sorting out his income tax problems. Doesn't want any more complications.

David Wayne has become a prospector. In oil. At least he's just picked up a slice of an oil-field in Kansas. Price not revealed. There's plenty all there. It would cost a lot.

It was bound to happen. Sherree North who was being groomed by 20th-Century Fox in case Marilyn didn't come back, is now complaining that she's being played down. Marilyn is back. "There's no room for two of us," says Sherree. Which would seem to be a dangerous thing to say at the present stage.

Clark Gable is taking it easy and quietly way out in the backwoods. A secluded mountain spot in Upper California. "Gone Fishing" says his friends. Personally I think he's just gone any place to get away from the furore over his professional future.

Believe it or not but Humphrey Bogart (heading for Africa again to make the "Man Who Would Be King") has collected an English accent. Not from his last ("African Queen") visit to Africa but from the Oliviers in England. They have become firm friends. "A Star is Born" (Judy Garland's come-back) took an extra long time to shoot. Now I learn why. Judy couldn't manage more than two hours acting at a time.

ROZ RETURNS

Heading back this way any day now is Rosalind Russell. She will be back after 14 months on Broadway in "Wonderful Town". Rosalind's return to the screen will start with a musical Western ("Girl Rush") produced by her husband, Frederick Brisson.

This is one of those husband-and-wife teams that do better in Hollywood than many of the

more complicated film circuses. So much so that "Girl Rush" (which begins filming in August) stands a good chance of getting Frank Sinatra, Charles Coburn and Edmund Gwenn into a team together. See what I mean!

Looking for gossip on the "Strategic Command" set at Paramount I came across a heart-warming story good to read in Hollywood these days. Or at any time for that matter.

It all concerns June Allyson and revolves round the fact that I have never seen a star wear so little jewellery. I discover now that this is all due to husband Dick Powell. They have been married nine years and happily so every moment of them. On her dress June wears a wedding ring. Not hers, she explains, but the ring with which her mother-in-law had been married.

"Dick had it mounted on a golden pin and gave it to me as a Mother's Day gift last year." I probed further and June added proudly: "Dick has the most exquisite taste of any person I have ever known. He gave me the only other piece of jewellery I wear."

I asked what and she pointed to a bracelet of four tiny gold angles linked together with fresh-water pearls. "And that's not all," said June. "Each angle has a distinct personality. They represent each of our two children and the other two are Dick and me. It was an anniversary gift. Dick's own quiet way of saying that ours is one family which will always be tied together." Here's wishing it so.

ROMAN DISCOVERY

I hear from a colleague in Rome that the flourishing Italian film industry, not to be outdone by Hollywood, has just discovered the Bible.

Five Biblical film titles have been registered by Italian film companies during the past fortnight, ranging from the "Walls of Jericho" to the "Prodigal Son". Another company is scheduled to produce the "Life of Christ"—in technicolor.

All a very far cry from Italy's recent run of "bad girl" stories played by such curvaceous wonders as Gina Lollobrigida and Silvana Pampanini!

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He Did See His Favourite Team

Luis da Costa, 17-year-old soccer fan in Portuguese Guinea, stowed away aboard a Portuguese steamer to get to Lisbon to see the team he had read so much about, Sporting Club, actually in action.

He was arrested and was being sent home when the Sporting Club directors heard of his escapade and pleaded with the police on his behalf. They went bail for him and took him to the match as their guest.

Then he reported back to the police for shipment back home. —China Mail Special.

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